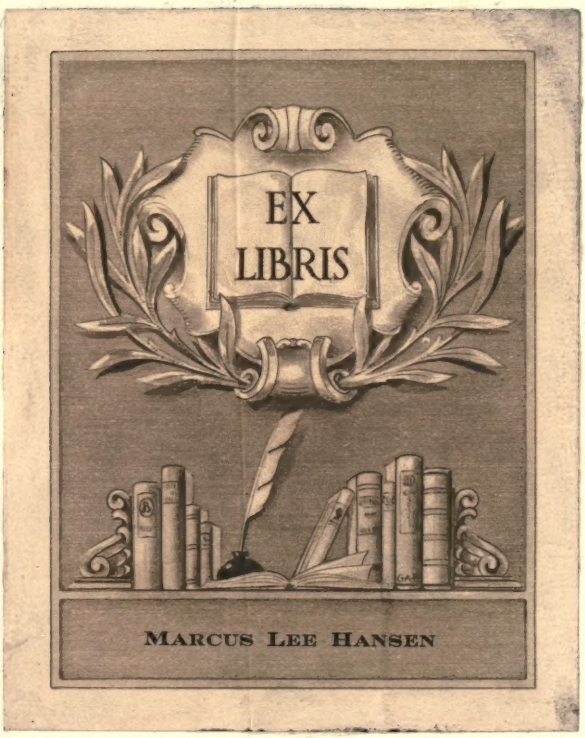
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INTRODUCTION

IN order to bring the foregoing History of the Swedes of Illinois down to date it has been supplemented by a collection of biographical sketches of representative Swedish-Americans "in the living present." In the preceding pages we have endeavored to record the achievements of the Swedish people of the state in the past. In the following is preserved a record of those Swedish-Americans who are now keeping up the march of progress, constantly adding new material to our annals. These biographies are of men and women prominent or fairly representative in church and state, in art, science and literature, in educational and benevolent work, in the learned professions, in commerce and industry, in agriculture and the trades, in short, people of every creditable walk in life.

More than a quarter century has elapsed since the first consistent attempt was made to collect and preserve in book form the past records of the Illinois Swedes. That volume is now rare and, though obsolete as to the biographical part, is a valuable source of information in personal history. The aim of the present work is still greater completeness in this respect, and much that may seem inessential and trivial in these sketches today will be appreciated in years to come.

Not every man has a taste for history nor every Swedish-American a care whether the records of his nationality are preserved. In rare instances persons worthy of a mention in the following pages may have been inadvertently omitted, but in the majority of cases omissions are owing to a lack of interest on the part of the individuals themselves.

To those who have responded favorably to the request for personal data and other information incorporated in this work the editors and publishers are deeply indebted for the successful performance of their task.

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JOHN RICHARD LINDGREN was born in Chicago, Illinois, Feb. 20, 1855. His father was Charles



JOHN RICHARD LINDGREN

Magnus Lindgren, the well-known sea captain and shipowner, who for many years was a prominent figure in the Swedish colony of Chicago. Captain Lindgren died in Evanston Sept 1, 1879. His mother, née Johanna Anderson, passed away in that city March 23, 1887.

John Richard Lindgren, their only son, was educated in the grammar and high schools of Chicago, and entered business life as an insurance and vessel agent. In company with Helge A. Haugan, by descent a Norwegian, he founded the private banking firm of Haugan & Lindgren, December 8, 1879. The bank, which was located at 59 La Salle st., cor. Randolph, during the first few years transacted business almost exclusively with Scandinavian customers. The bank's business was conducted conservatively and grew from year to year. In 1883 its savings department had deposits amounting to $89,000. In 1890 the same department had deposits of more than $1,000,000. The firm in 1891 incorporated its business as the State Bank of Chicago. By 1897 the resources of the bank were upwards of $2,500,000. Four years later they were more than $7,000,000. At the present time the capital and surplus and undivided profits amount to $2,068,512 and the deposits are upwards of $18,000,000.

The State Bank of Chicago now has its offices in the Chamber of Commerce Building, occupying the entire first floor. Its customers are of all nationalities represented in the metropolis. Mr. Haugan is president and Mr. Lindgren is cashier of the institution.

In 1892 Mr. Lindgren was appointed Vice Consul of Sweden and Norway at Chicago, and still serves as Vice Consul of Sweden. By King Oscar II he has been decorated with the Order of Vasa. His residence is in Evanston,

where he has been city trustee and city treasurer. The Northwestern University has long had the benefit of his services as trustee. Mr. Lindgren is of pronounced musical tastes. He has been president of the Evanston Musical Club and the Apollo Musical Club of Chicago, and is a trustee of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra. Mr. Lindgren is a member of the council of the Swedish-American Historical Society. He belongs to the Union League Club and is a member of the Swedish Methodist Church. He was one of the founders of the Swedish Meth. Old People's Home, endowing it with a considerable sum of money. Mr. Lindgren was married June 25, 1898, to Ethel May Roe of Chicago who was born May 6, 1870. A daughter, Ethel, was born Jan. 1, 1905. The family residence is at 1224 Sheridan Road. Mr. Lindgren is a modest and unassuming man, fully worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

HENRY E. ACKERBURG

was born in Göteborg, Sweden, March 26, 1859. A few years later he came to America with his parents and located in Chicago. After attending public school, he drifted into the cigar business, first as errand boy, later as salesman. At the age of twenty-one he started in business for himself, which he has carried on successfully until he has built up a fine wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco trade. His place of business is at 186 Madison Street.

When smiling, Mr. Ackerburg's face bears a striking resemblance to that of President Roosevelt.



HENRY E. ACKERBURG

During the political campaign of 1900 Mr. Ackerburg was called upon by the Marquette Club to impersonate Roosevelt in the grand Republican Sound Money parade.

Mr. Ackerburg in 1888 married Miss Mary Van de Ven, who was born in Holland. They have three children, two boys and one girl.

Mr. Ackerburg is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Royal League and the Royal Arcanum.

PEHR S. PETERSON,

the most widely known Swedish horticulturist and nurseryman in America, was born near Kristianstad, Sweden, June 15, 1830. Until thirteen years of age he remained at home, attending the schools of his native town. He early

manifested a love of nature and his youth was given to acquiring a practical knowledge of horticul-



PEHR S. PETERSON

ture. After five years in the gardens of his native land, such as Öfveds Kloster, Maltesholm, he spent three years on the continent, in leading horticultural institutions at Hamburg, Erfurt and Ghent, studying at the latter place under the renowned horticulturist Van Houtte.

Coming to Toronto in 1851, he saw that the greatest chances for success lay in the United States and soon went to Rochester, then, as now, the center of the nursery interests of the country. There he obtained employment with Frost & Co., beginning at $8 a month and board. Within three years he had not only acquired the English language but was working for Ellwanger & Barry at the large salary, for those days, of $100 a month. Thinking to obtain riches faster by digging for gold than delving in nursery rows, in 1854 he went to California via Panama, but aside from budding a lot of fruit trees which still grow in Vancouver, the venture was productive of little save experience.

In 1856 Mr. Peterson established the present business, the Peterson Nursery, on a small piece of rented land some miles outside of the city limits. In the next year a ten-acre tract of woodland was purchased. The property has since been added to until it amounts to 496 acres, now the largest piece of acre property in Chicago, for in 1889 the entire holding was annexed to the city. It lies seven miles northwest of the City Hall and on it is one of the finest collections of ornamental stock in America. Here, in the course of years, Mr. Peterson found the gold he failed to find in California.

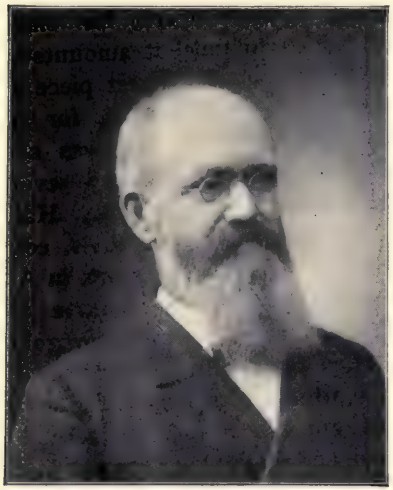
His attainments in horticulture found appreciation at home and abroad and have been recognized by many scientific societies. He was the second in over half a century to be elected an honorary member of the Horticultural Society of Stockholm, and the King of Sweden showed him signal honor in decorating him with the Order of Vasa. In 1865 Mr. Peterson was married to Mary A. Gage, of Boston. Their only child is Wm. A., who has been manager of the nursery since 1895. Since retiring from active business Mr. Peterson spent most of his time abroad. He died January 19, 1903, when the entire business was

handed down to Mr. Wm. A. Peterson, who conducts it on the lines laid down by his father.

The nursery office is at Lincoln and Peterson Avenues, and the city office at 108 La Salle st.

ARON EDSTRÖM,

associate editor of Hemlandet, was born in Edstorp, Ör parish, Dals-



ARON EDSTRÖM

land, Sweden, January 6, 1847. His early developed taste for books impelled him, aside from his regular studies, to read with avidity all the books he could borrow or find in the parish library. He studied English, German, algebra, and geometry without the help of a teacher. Before entering the confirmation class he surprised the grammar school teacher by exhibiting a knowledge equal to, and in some subjects exceeding, that of his master. At the age of sixteen he obtained employment in a saw-mill and within two years was master of his trade. In 1869 he was seized with the emigation fever and in company with his brother and other friends came over to this country. The party settled in the vicinity of Marine, Minn., joining friends previously located there. For three years he led a hard and laborious existence in lumber camps, saw-mills, on rail-roads, etc. Intending at this time to become a farmer in one of the rapidly developing communities of the Northwest, he took a homestead in Polk county, Wis. In August, 1872, he unfortunately lost his left hand in a saw-mill. This accident at once changed his plans for the future. His old desire for learning was revived. In December of the same year he entered St. Ansgar's Academy in Carver, now Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Minn. In 1875 he entered the Freshman class at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., from whence he graduated with the class of '79. The following year he was chosen assistant editor of *Skaffaren*, now *Minnesota Stats Tidning*, published at St. Paul, afterwards acting as its editor in chief for one year, 1882–1883. In May of the latter year he accepted a position as associate editor of *Hemlandet*, of whose staff he has since been a member with the exception of eight months in 1890, when he edited *Nordens Medborgare*, a paper published in Manistee, Mich.

In 1882, Mr. Edström was married to Anna C. Greek, of Trade Lake, Wis., daughter of Lars and

Christina M. Greek. She died in 1898, leaving seven children, Edward, Esther, Thekla, Signe, Dagmar, Hilmer and Gustaf. The eldest daughter, Esther, is married to Dan J. McConnell.

In politics Mr. Edström is a rock-ribbed Republican. Since his arrival in this country he has been a member of the Augustana synod, and has served as deacon of his church for twelve years. In the course of his twenty-seven years' service as a member of the press Mr. Edström, while devoting himself chiefly to routine work, has written occasional literary sketches which have appeared in various periodicals. Among these are, "Sketches from Swedish-American Pioneer Life," which have appeared, partly in *Hemlandet* and partly in the annual, "Prärie-blomman."

NELS J. OLSON

was born in Egby, Öland, Sweden, June 18, 1844, being the son of Olof Abrahamson, a sailor. He lost his mother in 1849 and his father three years later. He discontinued school at twelve to learn the tailor's trade. At seventeen he opened his own shop at Egby and continued in the business there until 1872, when he came to America and, after working a few weeks in a brick yard at Haverstraw, N. Y., to Chicago. Having been employed by tailoring firms for about ten years he opened his own shop as merchant tailor 1883, in partnership with C. J. Olson. After conducting the business for sixteen years he sold out to his partner in 1899. Subsequently for ten months he held the position of foreman in a tailor-



NELS J. OLSON

ing house in Boston. After holding a foremanship in Chicago for another year, he retired from business.

Mr. Olson is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church since 1873 and has always been an active church worker. He is at present treasurer of the church and has served as deacon ten years and trustee seven years. He was a member of the church choir for twelve years, of the male chorus Lyran four years, and taught in the Sunday school for a long period.

April 11, 1874, he was married to Nellie Johnson, born Feb. 19, 1845, at Mjellby, Blekinge. The family numbers ten children, seven of whom are dead, those living are: Minnie Elizabeth, born May 4, 1878, married to Albert C.

Wahlgren; Esther Bethulia, born Feb. 19, 1880; and Carl Fridolph Nathanael, born Jan. 31, 1887.

The family residence is at 1451 King Place.

J. ALBERT ACKERBURG

was born in Göteborg, Sweden, Dec. 10, 1863, and came to Chicago immediately after the civil



J. ALBERT ACKERBURG

war. He attended public school and also the Swedish parochial school at the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church. In 1877 he entered the employ of Enander & Bohman, then publishers of the weekly *Hemlandet*, intending to learn the printers' trade. In 1879 he engaged in the boot and shoe business. For several years he has held the position of buyer and manager of shoe departments in in various large concerns. At present he represents Rothschild and Company in this capacity, having been in their employ for several years. Part of his many duties consists in going to the Boston and New York markets about six times a year to supply his department, which is rated as one of the most popular in Chicago.

Mr. Ackerburg resides at 947 Hood ave., Edgewater. He is married, has a son and daughter. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. His political beliefs are those of the Republican party.

CHARLES J. STONE

was born in Nya Kopparberget, Örebro, Sweden, Sept. 11, 1851. He learned the tailor's trade under the direction of C. J. Hallin, in Örebro, and at the age of 18 years left his native country to seek his fortune in other lands. He went first to London, but finding oppor-



CHARLES J. STONE

tunities there too limited, he soon soon left for America locating in Chicago. Here he secured a po-

sition as coat maker with the firm of Edw. Ely & Co. In the meantime he learned the art of cutting, and in the spring of 1873 obtained a place as cutter with the firm of Roche & Co., where he remained for two years. Thereafter he served for two years with Wilde, Bluett & Co. During the years 1878-1880 he was foreman and designer for the wholesale firm of L. C. Wachsmuth & Co., and the following year for Willoughby, Hill & Co. From 1880-1885 he was the manager of the London Tailors, and in 1885-1890 was cutter for John O'Connell, and for the next two years manager and cutter for Stieglitz & Co.

In 1879 Mr. Stone started an evening school for cutters, which he expanded into a day school in 1888, which he entered into partnership with John and Harry Milner for this purpose. Four years later he bought out the interests of his partners, and has since managed the school alone. Its graduates are now to be found all over the world, its fame having reached to the Orient as well as Europe.

Mr. Stone has been deeply interested in every movement for the elevation and improvement of his profession. In 1893 he started a monthly known as The Practical Cutter and Tailor," which has acquired a wide trade circulation. He has also published a number of standard textbooks on designing, cutting, and manufacture of all sorts of clothing for men, women and children. These books have been translated into many languages, including the Japanese. As a lecturer on the art of cutting and tailoring, he has been particularly successful.

Mr. Stone is an honorary member of more than a score of tailors' and cutters' associations. Mr. Stone has been married twice, the first time with Miss Tillie Ferguson, with whom he had four sons, Charles J. Stone, Jr., Edward M., George H. and Stanley S. Stone, who now are interested in the cutting school with their father.

ANDREW PETER FORS,

Pastor of the Bethel Swedish Lutheran Church, was born Dec. 18, 1860, at Forsby, Vestra Tollstad parish, Östergötland, Sweden. His



ANDREW PETER FORS

parents are Andreas Pettersson, now a retired farmer, and Hilda Maria, née Nilsson, both still living in Sweden. He came to this country in

the spring of 1880. After a years' residence and study at Mankato, Minn., he entered Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minn. After a period of study at this institution he went in 1884 to Augustana College, at Rock Island, Ill. During the years 1885-1887, he assisted Dr. T. N. Hasselquist in his church at Rock Island. Having graduated from Augustana College in 1887, he was chosen principal of the Augustana Academy at Salt Lake City, Utah, retaining that position until 1888, when he entered Augustana Theological Seminary. Graduating from the seminary he was ordained to the ministry June 16, 1889, at Moline, Ill. His first charge was at Wahoo, Neb., where he was also professor at Luther Academy during 1889–1890 and editor of *Wahoo-Bladet*. During 1891 he was pastor of the Emanuel Church at Rockford, Ill.

From 1892 to 1899 Mr. Fors was in charge of the Swedish Ev. Lutheran church at Geneseo, Ill. He earned the degree of A. M. at Augustana College in 1894. Since 1899 the Rev. Mr. Fors has been pastor of the Bethel Swedish Ev. Lutheran Church in Chicago and during his pastorate a new church and parsonage have been erected at the cost of $50,000. He pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Chicago from 1899 to 1902. The thesis for final promotion to the degree of Ph. D. was presented in April, 1904, the subject being, "The Ethical World-Conception of the Norse People."

Dr. Fors has written articles for the "Lutheran Cyclopedia," the *American Journal of Theology*, *Augustana* and *Augustana Journal*. He is the editor of *Bethel-Bladet*, a monthly paper for the members of Bethel Church. In 1894 he published "Rational Grounds of Christian Truth" and in 1904 his Doctor's thesis. He has written an extensive review of La Sausaye's "Teutonic Mythology."

Dr. Fors has served as chairman of the Southern Chicago District of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod and of the Swedish Lutheran Ministerial Association of Chicago. He was for six years a member of the Augustana Church Extension Society and was its secretary from 1893 to 1899. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Augustana College from 1896 until 1900 and was elected secretary of the Board. Dr. Fors was a member of the Board of Directors of Augustana Hospital for the term 1902 to 1905. In 1904, he became interested in a movement resulting in founding a similar institution, the Englewood Hospital, organized on the south side. He is chairman of the board of directors and president of the Swedish-American Hospital Association that owns and controls the institution. Dr. Fors was also one of the prime movers in establishing the Oak Hill Cemetery in 1902, and is member of the Chicago Cemetery Association, which owns that property.

In 1889, Aug. 24, Dr. Fors was married to Miss Ada Emilia To-

line of Moline, Ill., born Dec. 13, 1860, daughter of Ulrik and Eva Toline, both of whom are deceased. Of three children born to Dr. and Mrs. Fors only one survives, a son, Adolph Fredrick, now a student of electrical engineering at the Armour Institute. The parsonage is at 6206 Peoria st.

GUSTAF ERNEST GORDON, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was born in Karlskrona,



GUSTAF ERNEST GORDON

Sweden, April 27, 1857. His parents were Gustaf Carlson and Marie Charlotta, née Malmberg; the father died in 1893. In his early boyhood, his parents decided that he should enter the clerical profession, and accordingly at the age of nine he entered the collegiate school of his native town, first having received his preparation in a private school. While at this institution he also took supplementary studies in Prof. A. Halk's evening school. After spending some years in the classical branches, his own desires did not accord with the plan mapped out by his parents, and thus it happens that we subsequently find him in the service of a large merchant, bent upon a business career. Soon after, he left Sweden, going to Germany in order to perfect himself in the language and learn the business conditions and methods of the country. Although exceptionally successful in the business sphere, it would seem that his mission lay in a different direction. After having had charge of a large wholesale and importing establishment for three years, he decided, and now on more mature thought, to enter the ministry. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1877. After having served the churches in Loftahammar-Wråka, Nyköping, Emmaboda, Vexiö and Stockholm as pastor, he came to this country in July, 1893. By the Northwestern Swedish Conference he was stationed at McKeesport, Pa., where he remained two years. His next charge was at Galva, Ill. After staying three years he was sent to Jamestown, where he labored for four years, and then was appointed to his present pastorate, the Elim M. E. Church, Lake View, Chicago, in the fall of 1902.

Feb. 12, 1881, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Sigrid Cecilia Carleson, daughter of Lars Carleson and his wife, Lovisa Albertina Grell. They have been blessed with six children, five of

whom are living. One son, Nathaniel I. Gordon, is general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is now fitting himself for the medical profession; the other, Seth E. Gordon, is a singer, now completing a vocal course at the Chicago Musical College. The other children living are Ruth Sigrid, Angeli Naomi, and Sigrid Elizabeth.

CARL ROBERT HVITFELDT

was born Oct. 5, 1873, in Göteborg, Sweden. At the age of six



CARL ROBERT HVITFELDT

he moved with his parents to Carlshamn, where he took the course of instruction offered at the collegiate school. He came to this country in 1888, landing on July 18, with Chicago as his final destination. After a couple of weeks he started in to learn wood engraving in the establishment of J. Manz and Co. Three years later he was employed as engraver by G. H. Benedict & Co., where he later advanced to foreman of the wood engraving department.

In January, 1906, Mr. Hvitfeldt and Mr. Joseph Herman organized the Calumet Engraving Co. Mr. Hvitfeldt now has his own office at 334 Dearborn st., where he makes a specialty of wood engraving.

CARL GUSTAF HERMAN LINDSKOG,

pastor of the St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal Church, was born in the historic city of Strängnäs, May 24, 1853. His preliminary education he received in the Katarina elementary school, and thereafter he attended the Stockholm Gymnasium, his parents having removed to the capital the same year the son was born. There the father



C. G. HERMAN LINDSKOG

took a position as teacher in the city's institute for waifs, retiring

with a pension after forty years service.

When but seventeen years old young Lindskog began preaching. He early became associated with the Methodists and was especially prominent in church work in Upsala and Jönköping. Mr. Lindskog was ordained as a pastor in 1875. Four years later he departed with his family for America where he located in Rockford, Ill., laboring there for eight years. In the spring of 1887 he accepted a call from the St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal Church of Chicago and the following year was installed as rector of that congregation. It may be stated that the St. Ansgarius Church, next to the "Old Swedes' Church," in Wilmington, Delaware, and the "Gloria Dei" Church in Philadelphia, is the oldest Swedish church in America. This church has sometimes been called "The Jenny Lind Church" because of the fact that the famous Swedish singer, when on her American tour, donated a considerable sum of money toward its support. In 1875, the year of his ordination to the ministry, the Rev. Mr. Lindskog was united in marriage to Adolphine Sheldon, of Karlskrona. They have three children living. The daughter, Karin Lindskog, is the organist of the church and is a talented violiniste.

Rector Lindskog dwells happily at 97 Sedgwick st., where, together with his ever faithful wife and genial children, he always meets his friends and parishioners with a hospitality which is characteristic of the cultured gentleman.

On May 24, 1907, the twentieth anniversary of Rev. Lindskog's assumption of his charge, the St. Ansgarius Church had a general celebration in his honor.

JOHN AMANDUS CARLSON

was born in Svennevad parish, Nerike, Sweden, Feb. 14, 1861.



JOHN AMANDUS CARLSON

Having joined the Baptist church in 1880, he went to London in 1883, where he organized a Swedish Baptist mission. After returning to Sweden in 1886, he emigrated to America in 1889 and settled in New York. He remained there until 1892, when he came to Chicago and entered the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, graduating in 1895. While a student, he had charge of the Swedish Baptist Church at Sycamore, Ill. In the spring of

1895, Mr. Carlson accepted a call to the Swedish Baptist Church of Austin, which he has faithfully and successfully served ever since.

Mr. Carlson has been called to various positions of trust, such as member of the Board of Trustees of the Swedish Baptist General Conference and of the Board of Directors of the Swedish Baptist Mutual Benefit Society.

AUGUST WILHELM WELANDER

was born at Näsby, Skåne, Sweden, July 20, 1868. At an early age



AUGUST WILHELM WELANDER

he moved with his parents to Fjelkestad parish, where he was educated in the common school. When but six years old he lost his father. From early childhood he had decided to become a tailor and his mother taught him the rudiments of the trade. His journeyman course was taken at Kristianstad.

In 1887 he emigrated and located at Northfield, Minn., but the next year he went to Chicago, working with different tailoring concerns until 1891, when he established a merchant tailoring business. In 1893 he moved to Red Wing, Minn., and subsequently traveled through Sweden, Denmark, England and Canada teaching a new method of garment cutting. In the spring of 1897 he founded a cutting school in St. Paul and in 1898 established the "Western Tailor", a trade paper, now published as the "Western Tailor and Fashion Journal", twice a year. The next year Mr. Welander moved to Minneapolis, where he established a cutting and tailoring school for boy apprentices and his present Merchant Tailors' Pattern Service. In 1901 he published the "Merchant Tailor's Cyclopedia of Garment Cutting." The next year he removed his business to Chicago and since 1903 he has made headquarters in New York. The Chicago office is at 108 Washington st., and the New York establishment at 10 East 14 St. Mr. Welander married in 1890 and has two children.

ALEXANDER F. CARLSON

was born in Småland, Sweden, July 17, 1850. He removed to the city of Halmstad, in Halland, in 1867, and from there emigrated to America in 1872, settling in Wilcox Pa. Having traveled in a number of different states until 1875, he then settled in Kalamazoo, Mich. There he lived until 1882,

when he went to Chicago. He made a trip to Sweden in 1883-4. In 1890 he engaged in the retail furniture business, his firm being known as Carlson & Gardlund. Later the name was changed to A. F. Carlson & Son. The store is at 1129-1131 Belmont ave.

Mr. Carlson was married in 1893 to Hanna Keiding. In religion he is a Lutheran; in politics, a Republican.

LAWRENCE NELSON

was born in Skepparslöf, Skåne, Sweden, on April 25, 1862. In



LAWRENCE NELSON

company with his parents he emigrated to America in 1869 and soon was in Chicago. After attending public school and business college, he worked for three years in the jewelry business. Mr. Nelson then obtained a position with Peterson & Bay, bankers. When they organized the Western State Bank, Mr. Nelson was chosen cashier. This office was held by him until the bank reorganized as the Western Trust and Savings Bank. Mr. Nelson is now vice-president of this well-known La Salle st. institution. The bank has a capital stock of $1,000,000, and deposits of over $7,000 000.

JOHN SAMUEL AHLGREN

was born in Sweden July 19, 1865. He came to this country at the age of six, his parents emigrating from Sweden in 1871 and settling in Chicago. Here he attended grammar school. After working for several years in the retail grocery business, he entered the employ of Sprague, Warner & Co., wholesale grocers, as city salesman. He has been with this firm for the past sixteen years.

Mr. Ahlgren is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran



JOHN SAMUEL AHLGREN

Church. He is a charter member of Monitor Council of Royal Ar-

canum, and also belongs to King Oscar Lodge No. 855, of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Ahlgren resides at 123 76th place, Windsor Park.

CHARLES THEODORE ALLEN

was born in Winbäck, Tanum parish, Bohus län, Sweden, Feb.



CHARLES THEODORE ALLEN

13, 1875. His father held for over fifty years the position of underbailiff to the crown. In 1890 he emigrated and engaged in the grocery business at Pullman, Ill. Now he is manager of the Roseland branch of Schlitz Brewing Co., with offices at 11439 Perry ave.

Mr. Allen holds membership in the Fellowship Club, Royal League, No. 39, also the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Masonic Order. He was married Oct. 30, 1901, to Lillian Peterson, daughter of Victor Peterson, member and deacon of the Swedish Lutheran Church fo Pullman since its organization.

Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

ANDERS FREDR. PIHLGARD

was born in Warberg, Halland, Sweden, Oct. 6, 1852. He at-



ANDERS FREDRIK PIHLGARD

tended college at Karlskrona, and later was an assistant in a pharmacy at Gefle. In 1875 he graduated from the Royal Pharmaceutical Institute at Stockholm, subsequently being engaged as pharmacist in Östhammar, Eslöf, Falköping and Göteborg.

Since his coming to this country in 1881, Mr. Pihlgard has been engaged in the drug business in Chicago.

In 1881, Mr. Pihlgard married Miss Hilma Wikman, with whom he has had five children, three surviving.

ALFRED SELLSTROM

was born in Sweden, Aug. 10, 1862. His childhood and youth

were spent in his native land, where he received his early edu-



ALFRED SELLSTROM

cation and training. At the age of eighteen he emigrated, arriving in Chicago in March, 1881, where he has since resided.

Mr. Sellstrom is a tailor by trade and is the sole owner of the merchant tailoring firm of Sellstrom & Kilby. The place of business is at 45 North Clark st.

Mr. Sellstrom is a member of the Oak Street Swedish Mission Church and is one of its trustees.

P. FOGELBERG

was born July 3, 1859, in Kjellstorp, in the province of Skåne. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to a brass molder and finisher. For twelve years he was engaged in this trade. He emigrated to the United States in June, 1887, and settled in Chicago the same year. From 1889 until 1901 he was employed in the Amos Pattern and Model Works. In July, 1901, he and Wm. Boettcher went into business under the firm name of P. Fogelberg & Co. At their works, 123 South Clinton st., are made metal patterns and models. A specialty is made of brass and white metal patterns.



P. FOGELBERG

Mr. Fogelberg was married in 1882, to Hanna Folin, with whom he has had six children, of whom three boys and two girls are now living.

OSCAR OLDBERG

was born in Alfta parish, Helsingland, Sweden, Jan. 22, 1846. His father was the Rev. Anders Oldberg, author of "Hemskolan," and other educational books, and the Rev. Gustaf Unonius, who officiated for many years as pastor of St. Ansgarius Church in Chicago prior to 1860, was his uncle. Having received his early education at the Gefle Gymnasium he en-

tered the pharmacy of the celebrated mining town of Falun in



OSCAR OLDBERG

1861, his employer and preceptor being the well-known Fredrik W. Helleday, a pupil of the great Berzelius. Mr. Oldberg enjoyed the advantage of individual instruction from his employer in both theory and practice of pharmacy and chemistry for four years, being licensed as regular pharmacist in 1865, just before emigrating to the United States. Here he has been actively identified with pharmaceutical education and literature for nearly forty years as a teacher, editor and author.

In 1869 he was appointed a member of the faculty of the School of Pharmacy of Georgetown College, District of Columbia, and later became Dean and Professor of Pharmacy at the National College of Pharmacy in Washington, D. C. When he severed his connection with that institution in 1881, the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy was conferred upon him, *honoris causa*.

In 1874 he became connected with the Marine Hospital Service of the United States. He was chief clerk and acting medical purveyor of that service until 1881, when he resigned. In 1880 he was elected a member of the Committee of Revision and Publication of the Pharmacopœia of the United States. On the expiration of his term in 1890, he was re-elected for another decade, and again re-elected in 1900 to serve until 1910.

Dr. Oldberg was appointed to his present position as Dean of the School of Pharmacy of Northwestern University in 1886 when the school was established. He has written several well known textbooks on chemistry, pharmacy, metrology and related subjects.

CHARLES E. JOHNSON,

doctor of dental surgery, was born in Stockholm, Pepin county, Wis., March 7, 1875. His parents hailed from the province of Vestergötland, Sweden. They were married in Chicago and lived there until the great fire, in which they lost everything they had. Shortly afterwards they moved to Wisconsin and were among the first Swedes to settle in that locality. Charles, their only son, attended the public schools and the Lake City High School, and afterwards spent two years at Augustana College, pursuing the classical course of studies.

In 1898 he went to Duluth, Minn., where he formed the acquaintance



CHARLES E. JOHNSON

of Dr. H. C. Spengler. A warm friendship sprung up between them, and the doctor offered him a position in his office until the time he resumed his studies. In the fall of 1899 Mr. Johnson entered the Northwestern University School of Dental Surgery in Chicago, from which institution he graduated with high standing in 1902. He had already passed a satisfactory examination before the State Board of Dental Examiners of Illinois, and has since that time practiced dentistry on the north side.

Dr. Johnson was married in Minneapolis, Minn., December 23, 1901, to Miss Emma M. Olson, an accomplished and talented woman, who for several years previous to her marriage was associate editor of *Svenska Amerikanska Posten* in that city. She is the daughter of Jonas Olson and his wife Maria, née Person.

Dr. Johnson's church and social affiliations are as follows: member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, the Swedish Glee Club, the Dental Odontographic Society of Chicago, the Scandinavian Dental Association of Chicago. In 1906 he was president of the latter society.

He enlisted with the National Guards of Minnesota at Duluth in 1896, continuing in the service for two years.

ERIC FORSELL

was born at Nora, Sweden, June 2, 1859. His father was superin-



ERIC FORSELL

tendent of the Striberg mines, where the son grew into manhood. 1883 he emigrated to America and came to Hudson, Wisconsin, where he worked for the Chicago, Minnesota & Omaha Railroad Co., and later in Kelley's stoneyard

in St. Paul, Minn. Thereupon he went to Canada, in the latter part of May, 1883, and worked on the Canadian Pacific Railroad until April, 1884, when he secured employment with the Vert Island Stone Quarry Company, at Neppigon Bay, Lake Superior, where he remained until the fall of 1889. While here, he had occasion, on a cold wintry night in 1885, to save the lives of a number of soldiers who on their way to fight the Reil Rebellion in Northwest Territory were on the point of freezing to death on Lake Superior.

In 1889 Mr. Forsell made a visit to Sweden. Returning the following year he secured employment with the Chicago Blue Print Company, where he is now foreman. He is also president and director of the Wright & Lawrence Mining Co., of Phoenix, Arizona, owning copper mines at Riverside Mountain in California.

Mr. Forsell has taken great interest in fraternal organizations. He belongs to the order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held important offices. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Vikings, in which he has been honored with the office of Grand Chief, and furthermore is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the King Oscar Lodge, A. F. and A. M. He is married since Aug. 6, 1898.

SWANTE WM. OHLSSON

was born June 3, 1845, at Klårröd, Skåne, Sweden. His father, Olof Nilsson, was "nämndeman", one of the twelve assistants in a Swedish law court.

Mr. Ohlsson attended public school from his fifth year until he



SWANTE WM. OHLSSON

was confirmed. Afterwards he spent a year in high school and then remained in the home of his parents until twenty-two years of age. At this period he was given charge of his father's estate, Skogsholm. Shortly afterwards, big losses incurred by securing notes for friends, forced a sale of the estate. Mr. Ohlsson next tried all sorts of occupations, but none suiting him he concluded to try his fortune in America.

In the fall of 1884 he came over and, meeting nothing but discouragement, he had already decided to return to Sweden, when some friends persuaded him to stay. He then settled in Galesburg, Ill., and worked at the painter's trade. Until 1891 he continued to follow this line of

work in Galesburg and Chicago. The great boom in real estate, prior to the World's Fair, opened his eyes to great possibilities, and with his practical experience from Sweden to guide him he began to deal in city property, and has since continued in the business of real estate broker.

He has held many positions of trust, as administrator and trustee. Mr. Ohlsson is a member of the Swedish Methodist Church. In 1869 he was married to Miss Betty Åkeson. Their residence is at 5723 South May St.

MARTIN R. ONELIUS

was born July 16, 1867, in Höör, Sweden. He came to this country



MARTIN R. ONELIUS

in 1887, since which time he has been engaged as watchmaker. His place of business is at 4749 Evans ave. Mr. Onelius is a member of the Swedish Watchmakers' Society.

CARL JEAN MAURITZ SCHYCKER

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, March 6, 1855. He studied dent-



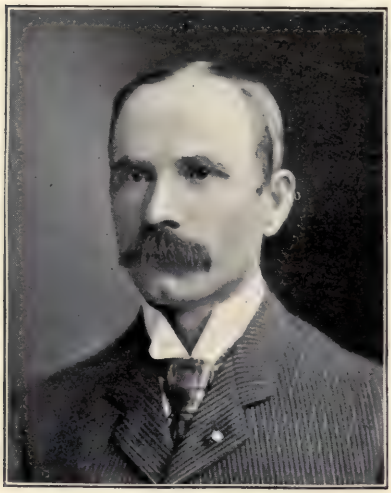
CARL JEAN MAURITZ SCHYCKER

istry in his native country, and thereafter came to America in 1881, settling in Philadelphia and studying for some time at the Philadelphia Dental College, graduating in 1882. That same year he came to Chicago, where he was one of the first of his nationality to practice the dental profession. He has his office at 2459 Wentworth avenue, and resides at 4625 Evans ave., where he owns a fine residence. In 1886 he was married to Miss Marit Norman, with whom he has one son, Richard, born in 1887.

JOHN THEODORE LINDHOLM

was born in Nor parish, province of Vermland, Sweden, March 28, 1858. He came to Chicago in April, 1880, and carries on a

merchant tailoring business at 216 Oak St. He is a member of the



JOHN THEODORE LINDHOLM.

Royal Arcanum. Mr. Lindholm was married Nov. 18, 1882, to Mathilda Christina Peterson, who was born April 16, 1856, in Marbäck parish, Småland. She came to America in June, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Lindholm belong to the Swedish Ev. Luth. Mission Church.

CHARLES CARLSON

was born on a farm in Heda parish, Östergötland, Sweden, Feb. 29, 1848. He emigrated to America at the age of twenty-one, and has since lived in Chicago and vicinity, except a year and a half spent on a farm. He worked as a carpenter at Riverside until after the great fire, when he moved into the city and secured employment as shipping clerk at the branch establishment of Pitt's Agricultural Works. In the meantime he started in the business of teaming, which grew rapidly, compelling him to resign his clerkship, in order to devote his whole time to it. The business has continued to grow. He is now exclusively engaged in heavy teaming, such as moving machinery, etc. His office is at 36 South Canal st.

Mr. Carlson was married in 1873 to Miss Augusta Anderson, with whom he has five children, one boy and four girls. The son, Edwin Howard, is engaged in the teaming business with his father.



CHARLES CARLSON

One daughter is married to Hjalmar Westerdahl, bookkeeper with the Aetna Powder Co.

Mr. Carlson and his family belong to the Second Swedish M. E. Church, North May Street. Mr. Carlson has been collector, trustee, and cashier for the congregation. In politics he is a Republican. He is quite extensively interested in real estate, being the owner of a number of houses and lots, be-

sides lands in Alabama. He resides at 757 Washington Blvd.

AXEL O. PILO

was born in Norra Rörum, Skåne, Sweden, April 20, 1859. His



AXEL O. PILO

mother died when he was six years of age. The father was a stone mason by trade. At the age of fourteen young Pilo left home and ever since has made his own way. He learned the shoemakers' trade, serving as an apprentice for three years. He later worked in Helsingborg and in Copenhagen, Denmark, until the spring of 1881, when he emigrated to the United States. Arriving in Chicago in April of the same year, he secured employment at his trade, but soon began to look around for a more healthful occupation. In May, 1882, he was engaged by the well-known surveying firm of Greely, Carlson & Co., now Greely, Howard & Co., which position he is still holding.

He is a charter member of Three Links Lodge, No. 812, I. O. O. F. of Garden City Encampment, and of Three Links Rebekah Lodge, No. 434. He is an enthusiastic Odd Fellow. Mr. Pilo is married to Annie O. Pilo.

PETER EDWARD URELIUS

was born in Sweden, April 23, 1866. He emigrated to the United States in April, 1885, and settled in Rockford. After living in that city for nine years, plying the trade of shoemaker, Mr. Urelius moved to Chicago in 1894. Here he entered the employ of the shoe manufacturing firm of Selz, Schwab and Co., in the capacity of foreman in that estab-



PETER EDWARD URELIUS

lishment. This position he has held up to the present time.

Mr. Urelius belongs to the Elim M. E. church in Lake View.

With his wife, Hulda Eugenia, he has a son, Roland E. G. Urelius.

JOHN HENNING ENGWALL

was born in Chicago in the '70s, and has lived in this state all his



JOHN HENNING ENGWALL

life. His early years were devoted to study, and he graduated from both the grammar school and high school. Later he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the National Publishing Company, steadily advancing with the concern until in 1899 he was elected its president, a position he has since creditably filled. The National Publishing Company is the oldest subscription publishing house in the United States, having been established in 1857. Besides its English publications, it has published many Swedish books, such as "Berömda Scener," "Jord, Haf och Himmel," "Kristi och Apostlarnes Lif," "Jubel Album," Kriget med Spanien," etc.

Mr. Engwall during his spare time took up the study of law, and in September, 1897, entered the Law Department of Lake Forest University, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After passing the examination before the State Board of Law Examiners, he was admitted to practice in all courts. His office is in the Lakeside Building.

Mr. Engwall visited his mother country (Sweden) in 1894, spending more than eight months in the principal towns and cities.

He has been received in the highest ranks of Free Masonry, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

GUSTAF SEAQUIST

was born in Skön parish, Medelpad, Sweden, Nov. 15, 1874. At



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12 years of age he secured employ-

ment as bookkeeper at the Tunadal steam saw-mill, where he served for about two years, filling the position to the satisfaction of his employer.

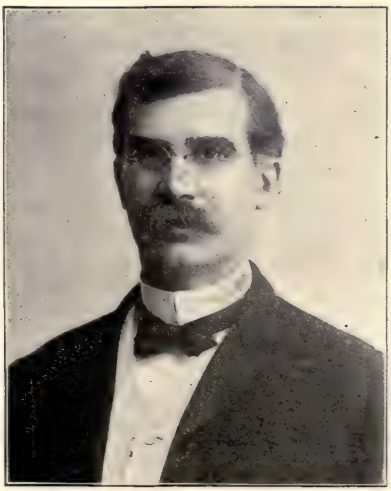
In the spring of 1890 he emigrated and joined his father, who had a tailor shop in Chicago. He here learned the tailoring trade and was associated with his father for a number of years.

In 1898 the younger Seaquist opened a tailoring establishment of his own, which is still prospering under his management.

In 1899 Mr. Seaquist was married to Miss Ida Nilson, with whom he has three children, two sons and one daughter.

CHARLES H. BOMAN,

secretary of the Scandia Life Insurance Company, was born in



CHARLES H. BOMAN

Högsby, Sweden, in 1848. He emigrated to America at the age of twenty-one, locating in Galesburg, Ill. He removed in 1871 to Moline, where he soon engaged in the stove and hardware business. In that occupation he continued until 1882, when he became a candidate for tax collector on the Republican ticket and was elected with a large majority. After having served his term as collector, he conducted a crockery store for a number of years. Being elected a member of the Board of Education in 1891, that body chose him secretary and general overseer of all the school property in the Moline district. This office he held for eleven years, resigning to accept the secretaryship of the Scandia Life Insurance Co. of Chicago, the largest Swedish-American insurance company.

Mr. Boman and his family belong to tne Messiah English Lutheran Church in Lake View. He was elected trustee of the church in 1904 and became chairman of the Board of Trustees in the following year.

May 10, 1878, Mr. Boman was wedded to Miss Margaret Hageman, adopted daughter of the late Dr. A. R. Cervin of Rock Island. They have a family of four boys and two girls: Ella Caroline, Carl Rudolph, Anton Leroy, Anna Agatha, Berndt and Herbert.

FRED NORLIN

was born in Vagnhärad parish, in the province of Södermanland, Sweden, March 4, 1865. His father was an officer of Hussars and adjutant to King Charles XV. The family removed to Upland, where

the son was educated at the university of Upsala, acquiring, in addition to the regular courses, a



FRED NORLIN

thorough knowledge of the English language and of drawing. In 1881 he came to America, proceeding at once to Chicago. Here he entered the employ of the Pullman Co., securing a situation in the woodwork department. By degrees he worked himself up, until he was at the head of the molding machine department, in which position he remained until the spring of 1886. He then went to Minnesota on a vacation trip, and, having done some surveying for drainage on his father's estate in Sweden, he was induced to accept a position with the county surveyor of Martin County, Minn., who was then platting an addition to the little town of Sherburne. That work finished, Mr. Norlin returned to Chicago and entered the employ of the Greeley-Carlson Company. He remained with that firm for eight years, during which time, by private study and hard work, he prepared himself for the profession of surveying, and in the spring of 1894 opened an office for the general practice of surveying, to which he has since successfully devoted himself. He is considered an expert in his line, and has clients among the most prominent attorneys and real estate men in Chicago. He recently planned and surveyed the town of Indiana Harbor, Ind., one of the largest manufacturing centers in the vicinity of Chicago, and did the surveying for a new railroad in Indiana.

Mr. Norlin is a member of the Western Society of Civil Engineers, the Illinois Society of Civil Engineers and Surveyors, and treasurer of the Chicago Club of Surveyors and likewise treasurer of the Scandinavian Club of Civil Engineers. He is also a member of the Swedish Glee Club and the Svithiod Singing Club.

In 1889 Mr. Norlin was married to Miss Dorothea Knost, from Westphalia, Germany. They have three children—one girl and two boys.

P. A. LINDBERG

was born June 5, 1863, in Bondersbyn, Neder Kalix, Sweden. His father held a position with a large lumber firm, as a buyer of timber and superintending its transportation on some of the tributaries to the Kalix River. Lindberg was brought up on the farm and re-

ceived his education at the village school. In 1882 he emigrated to the United States, and the follow-



P. A. LINDBERG.

ing six years lived alternately at Clinton, Iowa, and in Whiteside County, Ill., working in lumber yards and on the farm. While at Clinton, he acquired a business education, and in 1888 moved to Chicago, where he was employed as an office clerk for some time. He traveled nearly four years for a Chicago picture house, and in July, 1895, engaged in the publishing business. Mr. Lindberg is the author of a Swedish-American story, entitled "Adam," depicting life and superstitions in his native country and an immigrant's trials and experiences in the New World.

Mr. Lindberg is a member of the N. S. B. A. and of the Independent Religious Society.

The firm of P. A. Lindberg & Co., Publishers, has its place of business at 52 Dearborn st.

NELS B. JOHNSON

was born on the Husaby estate, in the province of Blekinge, Sweden, June 3, 1861. Some time later his parents removed to Mjellby, where most of the years of his youth were spent. The family being in poor circumstances, he had to apply himself early to hard labor, and enjoyed no schooling after his twelfth year. At the age of twenty years he emigrated to America, securing work on a farm near Sycamore, De Kalb Co., Illinois, where he spent two years. The third year he spent in the West, working on the railroads. In 1884 he went to Chicago. After having been sick in Alexian Bro-



NELS B JOHNSON

thers Hospital for three months he became penniless. He secured employment piling lumber and shoveling coal along the docks at Chicago ave. Then after having a place as porter in a wholesale clothing house he was advanced

to be shipping clerk, which position was retained for five years. He established a milk depot in 1889 and later a grocery store, finally acquiring four stores, which he conducted with considerable success for over ten years. He is at present a building contractor and operates extensively in buildings, purchasing properties and erecting buildings on them. His latest venture is a $75,000 apartment building on Sheridan Road.

Mr. Johnson is married to Miss Nellie Munson, daughter of Nels Munson and his wife, Hanna Nelson, the date of their wedding being Feb. 25, 1887. Their children are Arthur, born March 25, 1888, Richard, born Dec. 9, 1889, Florence, born March 20, 1893. The family is connected with the Swedish Mission Church.

CHARLES PALM

was born in the province of Vestmanland, Sweden, June 28, 1859, and arrived in America in 1880. Having graduated from the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary, he became a pastor in Evanston, Ill., and served there with marked success for over seven years, a large number of members being added to the church. He thereupon accepted a call to San Francisco, where he remained four years and a half, and was equally successful there. A lot was secured and a spacious church erected with but little debt, and the membership of the congregation increased rapidly. The Sunday school work was especially successful. New mission stations were established, and finally the California Conference was organized with the results of Rev. Mr. Palm's labors as a nucleus. Mr. Palm has been serving as a Sunday school missionary, having charge of the Sunday school work in Illinois and Indiana. He is a member and vice-president of the board of trustees of the Swedish Baptist General Conference; a member of the board of the "Fridhem" Old People's Home; also president of "Fridhem" Children's Home Society. He has lectured on history, Egyptology, Christian citizenship, and the historical development of hymnology.



CHARLES PALM

Mr. Palm is married to Anna Wassell, a daughter of Rev. C. Wassell.

JOHN LINDERHOLM

was born in Sandsjö parish, Småland, Sweden, July 22, 1841. He came to this country at the age

of ten years, the family settling at Andover, Ill. During the succeeding years he attended the pub-



JOHN LINDERHOLM

lic school in winter and worked on the farm in summer. He was married to Christine Hedberg in 1861. In the early sixties he went west with a gold mining expedition, prospecting through Idaho and other western states, but after the Civil War broke out he returned home, having had many narrow escapes from falling into the hands of the Indians, who at that time were on the war path. In 1869 he removed with his family to Webster co., Iowa, becoming one of the pioneers in that part of the state, and engaged extensively in farming and stock raising. Later he also engaged in a general retail mercantile business in Dayton, Iowa, where he remained for several years, later removing to Gowrie, Iowa, where he conducted a similar business for some years. In 1876 he moved to Essex, Iowa, where he conducted a general merchandise business and engaged extensively in the stock and grain business, owning several grain elevators in the state. He also extended his business to different points in Nebraska, conducting general stores and banks in Ogalalla, Grant, Genoa and Central City, Weeping Water and Omaha, in the latter place also engaging extensively in the ice business, wholesale and retail. In 1886 he removed with his family to Omaha, in order to facilitate a closer attention to his busines interests. Five years later he moved to Chicago, and in 1892 engaged in the general commission business on the Board of Trade, where he is well and favorably known, having been connected with some very extensive operations on the Board.

In the fall of 1893 Mr. Linderholm took a trip to Texas and made a thorough investigation of the condition and resources of the Lone Star State, and in the spring of 1894 purchased a tract of land, embracing in all 60,000 acres, which he proceeded to colonize, especially interesting a large number of northern people from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri in the venture. The lands he acquired are located in the counties of Colorado and Wharton in the southern portion of the state, commonly called the Gulf Coast country. He platted and developed the town of Chesterville, now a flourishing village, inhabited by northern people and

one of the centers of the rice raising regions of southern Texas. His work in the development of the fertile prairies of Texas has brought him into prominence as one of the most enterprising business men of the southern section.

When in Chicago, Mr. Linderholm resides at 108 Hammond st. He divides his time between his home and Chesterville, Texas. He has a family of one son, Oscar E. Linderholm, an attorney of Chicago, and four daughters, two of whom also reside in this city.

G. BERNHARD ANDERSON,

the eldest son of Svante Anderson and his wife Johanna, nèe



G. BERNHARD ANDERSON

Monsson, was born April 19, 1867, in Sweden. In the following year his parents emigrated and came to Chicago where the family has since resided. He attended the public schools and, after leaving school, worked for several years. At the age of fifteen he entered the preparatory department of Augustana College, graduating from the collegiate department with the class of 1888. The two following years he spent in Salt Lake City, Utah, teaching in an academy. In 1890 he entered the senior class at Harvard University and graduated with the class of 1891. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him in 1892 by Harvard University. He then went to Europe and spent one year studying the Scandinavian languages and literatures in the University of Upsala, the oldest and most noted institution of learning in Sweden. After spending some months in Germany and France, he returned to Chicago and began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1895 and has now a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Anderson takes an interest in public and political matters, but does not permit these to interfere with his professional work. He is a fluent speaker in both Swedish and English and has appeared as orator on many public occasions. He has been president of the Swedish Glee Club of Chicago and of the Alumni Association of Augustana College and is a member of the Harvard Club of Chicago and of the Chicago Bar Association. Since 1903 Mr. Anderson has been instructor of the Chicago Law School. He is the senior member of the law firm of Anderson & Anderson, with offices at 509, 100 Washington St.

Mr. Anderson is married to Miss

Alma C. Petterson, daughter of Anders Gustaf and Christine Petterson.

GUSTAVE ADOLPH MATHIAS LILJENCRANTZ,

of the U. S. Engineer Office, was



GUSTAVE ADOLPH MATHIAS LILJENCRANTZ

born in the province of Upland, Sweden, April 11, 1842. His parents were Baron Johan Carl Liljencrantz, Custom House Inspector, and Henriette von Schoultz. They are both dead, Baron Liljencrantz having passed away at Dalarö, in 1862. The son attended first the New Collegiate School, and thereafter the Royal Technological Institute, both in Stockholm, where he was graduated as a civil engineer in June, 1866. Later he became gentleman of the chambers at the Swedish Court.

Liljencrantz was assistant engineer at the construction of the Dalsland Canal 1866 to 1869. In the last named year he emigrated, locating in Milwaukee. There he took a position as draughtsman in the U. S. Engineer Office until 1870, when he entered the employ of the C. M.& St. P. Ry. in the same capacity. Coming to Chicago in 1871, he was draughtsman at the government engineering office until the following year, when he advanced to Assistant Engineer, the position he has occupied to the present time. He is a member of the Western Society of Engineers in Chicago, of the Technological Society of Stockholm, and an honorary member of the Scandinavian Technical Society of Chicago. In the former he has served as trustee and first vice president, etc. He has held important offices in the Masonic order, and is a member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois. In religion he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Liljencrantz was married April 27, 1875 to Miss Adaline Charlotte Hall of N. Pownal, Vermont, a lady of old colonial stock. They have one daughter, Ottilie A. Liljencrantz, well known for her successful historical romances, "The Thrall of Leif the Lucky," "The Ward of King Canute" and "Randvar the Songsmith."

ERICK EDGREN

was born August 17, 1859, at Storfors, Kroppa parish, Vermland, Sweden. His education was obtained in the public schools in his native land. In the fall of 1881

he emigrated to the United States. By December he was in Chicago. For a time he worked in a foun-



ERICK EDGREN

dry, then conducted a grocery store on the North Side for four years. During more than fifteen years he has been a salesman with Steele-Wedeles Co., wholesale grocers, still continuing in the employ of that house.

Mr. Edgren was married in Sweden, Nov. 1, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Edgren have four sons and four daughters and reside at 1080 Kimball Ave. They belong to the Humboldt Park Swedish M. E. church in which Mr. Edgren has been trustee, steward, Sunday school teacher and president of the Epworth League. Mr. Edgren is a stanch Republican.

OLOF PEARSON

was born May 13, 1869, in Malmö, Sweden. After completing his early education in the public school he learned the watchmaker's trade. In 1886 he emigrated to the United States. For ten years he worked for various firms, and then established himself in business as a watchmaker and optician at 11340 Michigan ave., Roseland, in 1898. Mr. Pearson has been high grand master of the Independent Order of Svithiod, and president of the Swedish Watchmakers' Society. He belongs to several other societies and fraternities, including the N. A. U., the N. U. and the K. of P. He is a member and direc-



OLOF PEARSON

tor of the South End Merchants' Association.

Mr. Pearson is married to Hilda L. Johnson, from Östergötland, and has with her a daughter, Emma Maria Charlotta.

OTHELIA MYHRMAN

was born July 9, 1859, at Finspong, Sweden, her father, Peter Mörk, being a foreman in the

great cannon foundry of that name. She emigrated to America in 1875 and, coming to Chicago as a young



OTHELIA MYHRMAN

girl, studied the servant girl question from the ground up, by being herself employed as a domestic for several years.

Mrs. Myhrman early took an interest in the temperance movement and has lectured with enthusiasm on the subject in the city of Chicago and in numerous minor cities in the Northwest. She represented the Illinois Grand Temperance Lodge at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1881, at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1897, and at Boston, Mass., in 1895.

Mrs. Myhrman is one of the founders of the Swedish National Association, which was organized in 1894 by Swedish-Americans of Chicago, primarily for the purpose of procuring the conviction of the murderers of a fellow countryman. Subsequently the association has been maintained as a charitable organization. In the first year of its existence the association, which is composed of a large number of Swedish societies, founded the Swedish Free Employment Bureau and engaged Mrs. Myhrman as a manager, a position for which she is well adapted and where her executive ability has ever proved a valuable asset to the association.

Mrs. Myhrman takes the lead in any endeavor which may engage her interest. She is especially active in charities and in work for woman's advancement. She has served as president of the Swedish-American Woman's Club of Chicago, and when in 1905 the Sophia Aid Society, a charity organization, was founded, the chairmanship naturally went to Mrs. Myhrman as the principal promoter of the society. Some years back, when the woman's aid and benefit society Ingeborg was instituted, she was also among its organizers.

Mrs. Myhrman's genius for management has been frequently exemplified at the large midsummer and midwinter festivals regularly arranged by the Swedish National Association.

JOHN ALBERT LINDSTEDT was born in Chicago July 29, 1869. He was three years old when his parents removed to Indiana, where he was reared and obtained a country school education. In 1889 he returned to Chicago and was soon apprenticed to a plumber, working at this occupation for eight years. During this period

he attended evening classes at the Columbia Business College for two years. In 1900 he set up his own business at 1697 North Clark st., contracting for everything in the line of plumbing and gas-fitting.

Mr. Lindstedt has served as president of the Chicago Plumbers' Association, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., Adelphi No. 8.



JOHN ALBERT LINDSTEDT

He is married to Miss Laura Swanson of Chicago, and their home is in Lake View.

JOHN G. GUSTAFSON

was born in the year 1846, in Karlstad, Sweden, and has been a resident of the United States since 1868. In 1892 the Butler Street Foundry and Iron Co. was organized with Mr. Gustafson as vice-president and secretary of the firm. The works are at 3422—3432 Butler st., Chicago, and consist of a large and complete iron foundry, pattern shop and fitting shop. The firm is prominent among like institutions for the



JOHN G. GUSTAFSON

manufacture of structural iron and steel work for buildings, castings for boiler fronts, machinery and general iron work.

Mr. Gustafson is a member of Svithiod Lodge No. 1, I. O. S.

THEODORE JOHNSON

was born in Iowa Dec. 28, 1872, and lived with his parents on a farm near Stanton, Iowa, until he was seventeen years of age. He attended the public schools and the Mamrelund Normal School during the winter months and worked hard on a farm during the summer months. He then took a course of studies at the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, Iowa. In 1890 he secured employment as a stenographer and clerk in the law office of Bradley & De Lamatre, of Omaha, Neb., where he remained until the fol-

lowing summer, when he went to Chicago. Immediately he secured employment with the law firm of



THEODORE JOHNSON

Cratty Brothers, with whom he remained four years as stenographer and and assistant manager of their collection department. At the same time Mr. Johnson attended the evening sessions of the Chicago College of Law, from which he graduated with honors in 1895, when he was admitted to the bar. He then became chief clerk for the firm of Eschenburg & Whitfield, a law firm in Chicago, making a specialty of the real estate and probate law practice, with whom he continued until January 1st, 1899, when he opened a law office of his own. He was successful from the start. In 1901, he entered into partnership with Harry G. Colson, a successful trial lawyer, under the firm name of Colson & Johnson. The firm has built up a large and lucrative practice, representing many of the largest mercantile houses and real estate firms in Chicago, in addition to an extensive clientage among American, Swedish and German people. Mr. Johnson is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He was married to Miss Anna Sandell of Omaha in 1898 and resides at 2337 Wayne ave., Edgewater.

PETER S. RONBERG

was born Sept. 7, 1865, in Gränum, Blekinge, Sweden. From thence he emigrated to this country in 1887, coming to Chicago, where he made his home permanently. Shortly after his arrival he secured employment as a car-



PETER S. RONBERG

penter with the contracting firm of Clark & Findlay, remaining with them for several years. In the year 1895 he started in business as a contractor and builder.

Mr. Ronberg has been very active in religious work. The office

of president of the Swedish Mission Church of Englewood was held by him for a number of years.

In 1890 he was married to Miss Mathilda Soderberg, with whom he has seven children, four girls and three boys.

JOHN JOHNSON

was born in Hallaryd parish, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 16, 1868. His



JOHN JOHNSON

early education was obtained in the common schools of the old country. A victim of the emigration fever, he left his native land in 1888, landing Aug. 8 and proceeding to Chicago. In 1892 he was engaged as a bellows maker by the Cable Piano and Organ Co., and is now organ inspector for this well-known firm.

Mr. Johnson, with his family, visited his native home in 1900. After a sojourn of three months in Sweden, he returned to Chicago. Mr. Johnson belongs to the Zion Ev. Luth. Church and to the Enighet Society.

ESPERANCE F. ALMGREN

was born in Stockholm, Sweden. After graduating from the Poly-

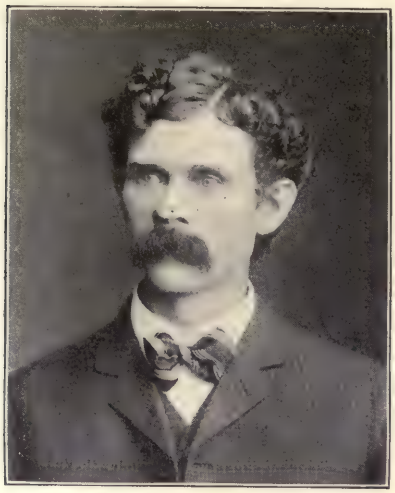


ESPERANCE F. ALMGREN

technic Institute, he became a pupil of W. A. Barklund, engraver to the Royal Postal Department of Sweden. With five years' experience he left his native land to seek his fortune in America. He came to Chicago in 1881 and for several years worked as engraver with S. D. Childs. In 1884 he went to Paris for further development in the engraver's art. Returning in 1885 to Chicago, he accepted a position with C. H. Hanson, the engraver and die-maker. In the twenty-two years that Mr. Almgren has continued in the same position, he has won the confidence of his employer and acquired complete mastery of his art.

ADOLPH A. CARLSON

was born in Sigislaryd, Madesjö parish, Småland, Sweden, Jan. 28,



ADOLPH A. CARLSON

1858, and arrived in America in April, 1882, from that time residing in Chicago. On arriving here, he first went to work in a stone quarry, and thereafter on the railroad. In the fall of 1883 he entered the employ of C. J. Landquist, a wood tank manufacturer. During ten years he worked in this line for different firms. In September, 1893, when the firm with which he was then employed retired from business owing to the hard times, Mr. Carlson embarked in the business, forming a co-partnership with John A. Johnson and Andrew Johnson, under the firm name of Johnson, Carlson & Co. They continued as partners until April, 1895, when Andrew Johnson retired, and the firm name was changed to Johnson & Carlson. They have uniformly been successful, and now occupy their own factory at 139–155 Eastman st. cor. of Judson st.

Mr. Carlson was in 1884 married to Miss Augusta Carlson. They have seven children, three boys and four girls.

In religion, Mr. Carlson has always been a Lutheran and is now a member of the Saron Swedish Lutheran Church.

ALFRED ANDERSON

was born in the city of Jönköping, Sweden, March 3, 1851, and emi-



ALFRED ANDERSON

grated to America in 1866. For the next three years he worked on a farm and in 1870, when the M. E. theological school opened in Galesburg, he became one of its first students. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Church in the fall of 1871, by Bishop Ames. Thereafter he served as pastor in Iowa two years; then in Galesburg, Ill., three years; in

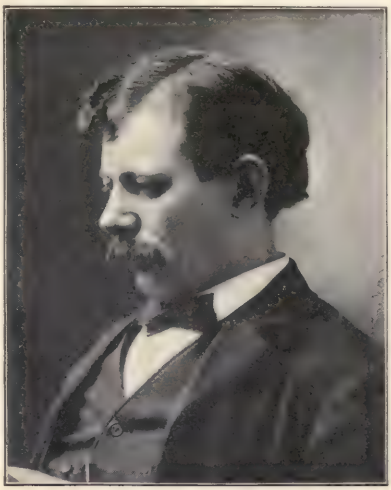
Jamestown, N. Y., three years; in Andover, Ill., two years; in the First Sw. M. E. Church of Chicago, five years, and in Evanston one year. For nine years he held the office of presiding elder, and was thereafter selected pastor of the Elim Church of Chicago, a post which he held four years. He was subsequently manager of the Swedish M. E. Book Concern, Chicago, until 1906. He is at present Presiding Elder of Chicago District.

The Rev. Mr. Anderson was the first financial agent of the Bethany Home, and has been president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Theological Seminary in Evanston for many years.

In the year 1874 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Augusta Börjeson, who was born in Göteborg.

PETER C. PEARSON

was born in Gefle, Sweden, March 14, 1863, and emigrated with his parents to this country in 1868. After two years in Andover, Ill., the family removed to Lindsborg, Kans., where his father is still living. Mr. Pearson was educated at Bethany College, Lindsborg. In 1890 he became editor of *Framåt*, a weekly newspaper, which was then removed from Lindsborg to Chicago, and has been published under the name of *Fosterlandet* since the fall of 1891, Mr. Pearson being connected with it in an editorial capacity up to 1902. During 1902–1905, Mr. Pearson was president of North Star Benefit Association, an insurance society; from 1903–1905 he was president of Western Oregon Orchard



P. C. PEARSON

Co., and is now secretary of Telma Gold Mining Co. For a number of years he has been advertising solicitor for *Fosterlandet* and *Svenska Tribunen*.

Mr. Pearson is a member of American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Having lost his first wife and a child, Mr. Pearson on Nov. 25, 1900, was united in marriage to Marie W. Wennerstrom, of Topeka, Kans., born March 28, 1878. They have two daughters, Lillian, born 1902, and Margaret, born 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson belong to Concordia Swedish Luth. Church. at Cuyler.

GUSTAF L. JOHNSON

was born May 10, 1863, in Kungslena, Skaraborg län, Sweden. In 1882 he came over from the old

country, with Chicago as his objective point. He attended the Metropolitan Business College in



GUSTAF L. JOHNSON

order to acquire a theoretical training for his subsequent business career. Mr. Johnson is now president and general manager of Elizabeth Street Foundry. The works are at 5833-5843 Elizabeth st., and employ 100 men. Mr. Johnson was married nineteen years ago to Mathilda Wiberg from Virestad, Småland. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, with their two daughters, reside at 5704 Green st.

CHARLES O. ELLSTRÖM

was born in Lönneberga, in the province of Småland, Sweden, February 5, 1865. He emigrated to America at the age of seventeen, arriving here in the year 1882. He first went to Leavenworth, Kans., where he stopped for only six months. From there young Ellström moved to Kansas City, where he secured employment with the Fort Scott & Gulf R. R. Co. In the fall of 1886 he gave up his position and left Kansas City to take a place with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., in Chicago. He remained in the employ of this company for fifteen years. At the present time he is the secretary of the Scandia Mining Syndicate of Nome, Alaska, with main offices at 1237 Stock Exchange



CHARLES O. ELLSTRÖM

Building. In 1895 Mr. Ellström was married to Miss Emma Karlborg.

CLAES VICTOR PETERSON

was born in Elmhultsbro, Småland, Sweden, March 6, 1862. His father, J. A. Peterson, is a prominent landowner and lumber manufacturer in that part of Sweden. After finishing school the son was employed at the sawmill and on the farm at Elmhultsbro. He emigrated in 1884, going to live with an uncle

in Svea, Iowa, attended school and worked on his uncle's farm till the



CLAES VICTOR PETERSON

next year when he went to Ohio, where another uncle of his was living near Columbus. Here he was employed in various lines of work until the preparations for the World's Fair attracted him to Chicago. For several years he worked as agent for various businesshouses and in 1896 became salesman for the Kimball Company, and continues with that house to the present time. Mr. Peterson, who is unmarried, spent his vacations in 1904 and 1906 in his old home in Sweden and other parts of country. He is a member of the Masonic order.

GUSTAF WILHELM JOHNSON

was born Feb. 20, 1863, in Rydaholm parish, Småland, Sweden. Coming to the United States in 1881, he first settled in Lemont. In 1883 he removed to Rockford and in 1885 to Chicago where he has since remained. Mr. Johnson learned the trade of garment cutter at C. J. Stone's Cutting School. He was cutter with various tailoring houses until 1895 when he engaged in business for himself at 145 North State st., and has enjoyed prosperity in the business. Mr. Johnson was married June 20, 1898, to Miss Carolina Johnson, of Spring Garden, Goodhue co., Minn.

Mr. Johnson is active in fraternal circles, holding membership in



GUSTAF WILHELM JOHNSON

several societies. He resides in his own house, 871 Osgood st.

Mr. Johnson belongs to the Lutheran Church and is a good and true Republican.

WILLIAM K. SANDBERG

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, August 17, 1873. He attended the public schools, and thereafter studied at the Technological School

at Sundsvall. Securing a position with a jeweler in his native city, he worked for him until April,



WILLIAM K. SANDBERG

1891, when he left for America. Arriving in Chicago, he received employment in the watch department of Montgomery, Ward & Co., remaining there five years. He was afterwards employed as foreman for the watch department of A. C. Backen's wholesale jewelry business, for two years.

After that Mr. Sandberg started in business for himself as watchmaker and jeweler. He now manufactures watches and jewelry to the trade and has an extensive mail order business.

Mr. Sandberg was married in 1888, to Miss Anna Johnson from Söderköping, Sweden.

ERIC SANDELL,

president of the Swedish Baptist General Conference of America, was born at Helsingtuna, near Hudiksvall, Sweden, Jan. 26, 1856, and came to America in June 1880. He graduated from the Baptist Union Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, Ill., in 1884, and was pastor of the Second Swedish Baptist Church of Chicago from 1884 to 1887. Thereafter he was professor in the Central Bible Seminary at Stromsburg, Neb., 1887-1888, and professor in the Swedish Department of the Baptist Union Theological Seminary from 1888 to 1892. The latter year he became assistant professor in the Swedish Theological Seminary, a department of the University of Chicago Divinity School, from which position he resigned in 1895 to accept the pastorate of the Elim



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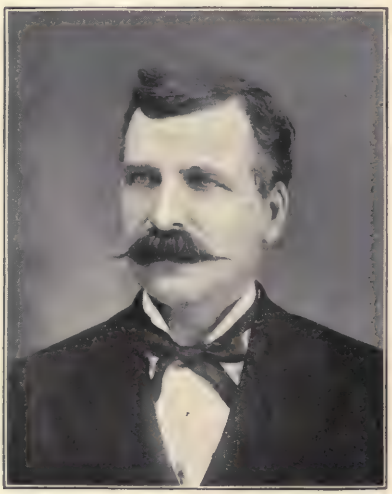
Swedish Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Serving there until 1899, he became pastor of the Fourth Swedish Baptist Church of Chicago, which position he held until 1905.

That the Rev. Mr. Sandell is

highly esteemed even outside of his own church denomination is shown by the fact that in 1902 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from a Lutheran institution, Bethany College, at Lindsborg, Kansas.

CHARLES G. PETTERSON,

the business manager of *Missions-Wännen*, was born in Marbäck



CHARLES G. PETTERSON

parish, Småland, Sweden, August 8, 1851. Up to the age of eighteen he remained under the parental roof. Thereupon he joined a company of emigrants from his native parish and vicinity and set out for America, in 1869, coming direct to Chicago, where he has since resided. In the great fire of 1871 his home shared the general fate, being gutted by the flames. Up to the year 1882 Mr. Petterson was engaged in various occupations. That year a printing society was formed to publish the *Missions-Wännen*, a religious weekly, representing the Swedish Mission churches. Mr. Petterson became the manager of the business and still continues in that capacity. He is the type of a true, conservative Swedish business man, who believes in running a business on a firm, honest conservative basis. Under his management the paper has prospered and is one of the best financed Swedish newspapers in America. His capacity as a man of affairs has been recognized in many ways. As a member of various committees he has had much to do with the adminstration of the Mission Covenant. For a long term of years, and up to the present time, he has served as a member of the executive committee of the Covenant, and is one of the most influential men on that board. The business of the Mission Church on the north side he has managed, as its treasurer, for many years.

For the past twenty-eight years he has been united in marriage to Josephina Johnson who is also a native of Marbäck parish. There are three children in the family, a son and two daughters.

JOEL MOSSBERG,

a baritone of prominence in Chicago, was born in Kumla, Nerike, Sweden, Jan. 30, 1870. He emigrated to America twenty years later, having worked over four years as decorator in Visby, Gotland. Coming to Chicago in 1892 he worked at his trade for a time. He had early evinced musical tal-

ent as flutist, violinist and director of a singers' club in Visby, and now devoted his spare time



JOEL MOSSBERG

to musical studies, first with W. W. Hinshaw and subsequently with John R. Ortengren of the Chicago Musical College. His fine voice and masterful handling soon won for him a scholarship in the operatic department of the college.

He has been baritone soloist of the North Shore Jewish Synagogue for the last five years, and is also soloist of the Sixth Presbyterian Church. For many years he was one of the mainstays of the Swedish Glee Club male chorus.

Mr. Mossberg is now devoting himself to teaching, directing choruses and to church and concert work. Among the choruses directed by him are, the Orpheus, Iduna and Harmoni Swedish male choruses and the Jenny Lind Ladies Chorus.

He was married Dec. 10, 1906, to Mrs. Olga Meine.

FRANK ALBERT JOHNSON was born Sept. 4, 1870, in Chicago. He attended grammar schools and business college, afterwards holding successively responsible positions in the offices of the Wabash R. R. Co., Pullman Palace Car Co., and Alston Mfg. Co. For six years Mr. Johnson was in the custom tailoring business with his father. Mr. Johnson belongs to the Elim Swedish M. E. church in which he is serving as class leader and has held other offices. He is now secretary of the Swedish Methodist Aid Association of Chicago, an insurance society doing business exclusively with church people of the different denominations. He has filled this position creditably for the past seven years.



FRANK ALBERT JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson is director and secretary of the Swedish M. E. Book Concern of Chicago. He was married in 1892 to Miss Hilda A. Anderson and has two children, a son and a daughter.

While a native of this country and a steadfast American citizen, Mr. Johnson takes great pride in his descent and esteems the Swedish blood and language a most valuable heritage.

OSCAR RAPP

was born Oct. 15, 1863, in Ödeshög, Östergötland, Sweden. He came to this country June 2, 1879,



OSCAR RAPP

and settled in Chicago. At the age of sixteen years, he obtained employment at the Vaughn & Bushnell Mfg. Co., where he learned his trade as die sinker and machinist. After twelve years with the same firm, he left in order to better himself. For about four years he worked in different machine shops of Chicago. In 1896, he formed a partnership with Axel Blomfeldt, establishing the firm of Blomfeldt and Rapp, for the purpose of manufacturing special machinery, dies and tools. The machine shop is at 39-45 W. Randolph st. The firm has been highly successful and its business is constantly on the increase.

JOSEPH MAGNUS HEDENVALL

was born in St. Clara parish, Stockholm, Sweden, July 22, 1864. He first attended the Beskow Academy and later the St. Clara collegiate school. Then he devoted himself to agriculture for some time, and took a course at Lidsta Agricultural College. Being smitten with the so-called "America craze." he emigrated in the spring of 1883, in company with the present Rev. Joseph Danielson and his brother. They settled at St. Mary's, Kansas, whence Mr. Hedenvall in 1885 proceeded westward to California.



JOSEPH MAGNUS HEDENVALL

After a short stay here, he continued the journey to Alaska and the Bering Sea, where he took

up the occupation of otter and seal fishing. In 1886 he returned to Sweden, but the following year again set out for America, now locating in Brooklyn. After having made another visit to Sweden, he came to Chicago in the spring of 1891. Here he has been employed by several of the leading clothing houses, amongst others as manager of the clothing department in the well-known department store of Sidney Mandl on East Division Street.

HUGO J. LIEDBERG

was born in the city of Vexiö, Sweden, in the year 1872. He



HUGO J. LIEDBERG

came to this country with his parents when he was six years old. Hugo Liedberg attended the public schools in Chicago. Subsequently he took a course of studies at the Art Institute of Chicago in order to prepare himself for his chosen work. He also studied at a technical school in Pennsylvania. After having worked as a draughtsman for ten years, he opened his own offices in 1896. He is now at 173 Randolph st., where he continues as an active and progressive architect.

ERIC A. DAVIDSON

was born at Nya Kopparberget, Örebro län, Sweden, Oct. 23, 1858.



ERIC A. DAVIDSON

When nine years old he emigrated with the family to America. They settled at Trade Lake, Wis., where his father pre-empted a homestead and Eric worked on a farm. In 1879 Mr. Davidson entered the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1882. He continued his studies at Northwestern University, obtaining the degree of A. B. in 1888. Mr. Davidson was called to the pastorate of a church in Boston. His stay of two years enabled him to pursue studies at Boston University. In 1891 he became pastor of the church in

Kingsburg, Cal. The next year he was appointed presiding elder of the Swedish Methodist district of California. Three years later he became instructor in English at the Swedish M. E. Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and pastor of the church in Waukegan. During that year he entered Bennett Medical College, Chicago, from which he graduated in 1898. He is also a graduate of Rush Medical College, the medical department of the University of Chicago.

Since then Dr. Davidson has devoted all his time to his professional practice.

In religion Dr. Davidson still retains his connection with the Methodist Church. In politics he is an independent.

G. ARVID HAGSTROM

was born in Sundsvall, Sweden, Sept. 8, 1867, and came to America in 1868 with his parents, who located in Red Wing, Minn. He thence moved to Minneapolis, where he received his early education in the public schools and at a business college. At fifteen years of age he joined the First Swedish Baptist Church of that city, and was known as an active and earnest worker. In 1889 he entered the Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, Ill. Graduating in 1892, he became pastor of the English Baptist Church of Newark, Ill. The following year he accepted a position as Swedish Baptist Sunday School Missionary for the State of Illinois, which position he filled in a very creditable manner for three years, laying the foundation for an excellent system of Sunday School work. In 1896 he accepted a call to the First Swedish Baptist Church of Chicago, where he faithfully and zealously labored for ten



G. ARVID HAGSTROM

years. He has served as vice president of the Board of Trustees of the General Conference of Swedish Baptists of America, president for several years of the Swedish Baptist Young People's Union, vice-president of the Swedish Baptist Sunday School Society of Illinois, treasurer of the Swedish Baptist Conference of Illinois, editor of *Församlingen och Hemmet*, a religious monthly, and one of the editors of the hymn books, "Valda Sånger" and "Triumf-Sånger." He was for a time associate editor of the Swedish Baptist young people's paper and of *Hemmets Vän*.

Mr. Hagstrom, in 1892, married Miss Caroline W. Anderson, from Waconia, Minn., born Jan. 21, 1865, who has proved herself to

be an accomplished, tactful and lovable woman and an ideal minister's wife. There is a daughter, Marion Abigail Edith, born Oct. 31, 1903.

Mr. Hagstrom takes an active part in promoting every interest of his denomination. He is president of the Swedish Baptist Home for the Aged, known as Fridhem, at Morgan Park; president of the Scandinavian-American Jewish Mission, also one of the founders of the Bethany Beach Assembly Summer School for Christian Workers, at Sawyer, Mich.

Rev. Mr. Hagstrom resigned his charge of the First Swedish Baptist Church in Chicago in October 1906, to become missionary and corresponding secretary of the Swedish Baptist General Conference of America, and took up his new work Jan. 1, 1907.

OSCAR CALEB NYLUND,

Doctor of Dental Surgery, was born in Askersund, Sweden, March 23, 1874. His father, being a railroad man, was often transferred from place to place, and the son spent his youth in Ervalla, Vesterås, Lindesberg, Nora, and Bofors. He studied first at Nora, and later attended the Manual Training School of Karlskoga. Next he secured a position on the Nora and Karlskoga railroad, at Otterbäcken, but as he had little liking for that kind of work, he soon left it, and accepted a position with an implement firm in Stockholm, in the spring of 1890. Two years later he left for America, and arrived in Chicago Apr. 26, 1892. Here he secured a place



OSCAR CALEB NYLUND

with Marshall Field and Co., where he remained three years, in the meantime attending evening school at the Chicago Athenæum. Later he was employed by the banking firm of Edward H. Ericson & Co. He afterwards studied dentistry, graduating at the Northwestern University Dental School April 6, 1899, having since practiced his profession in Chicago. His office is located in the Bush Temple of Music, at Clark St., and Chicago Ave.

Dr. Nylund is a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, the Chicago Odontographic Society and the Scandinavian-American Dental Society of Chicago. He holds membership in the following fraternal orders and clubs: the St. Cecilia Chapter, R. A. M., Lincoln Park Lodge No. 611, A. F. & A. M. Monitor Council No. 1414, Royal

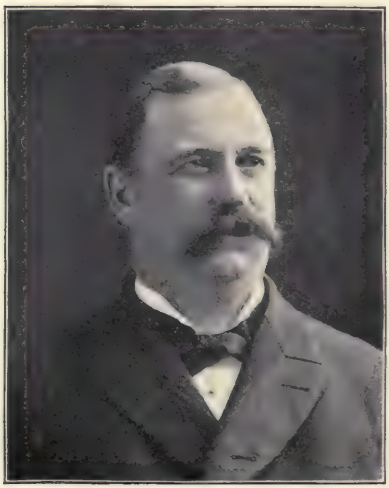
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Arcanum, and the Swedish Glee Club. In the Monitor Council he has been collector for ten years and in the Glee Club he has served as secretary, vice president and member of the board of trustees.

Dr. Nylund was married Dec. 5, 1900, to Miss Anna Hvitfeldt, of Chicago, born Aug. 23, 1879. Their children are, Ruth Maria Elizabeth, born Sept. 20, 1901, and Berenice, born Oct. 28, 1905.

CHARLES J. DAHLGREN

was born in Småland, Sweden, March 15, 1858. He emigrated to



CHARLES J. DAHLGREN

America in 1872 and settled in Chicago, where he engaged in the grocery business for seven years, subsequently changing to that of undertaker. He has continued in that line of business for over fifteen years at 5820 Wentworth ave. Mr. Dahlgren was county commissioner n 1898-1901 and has served as trustee of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Englewood for several years. Nov. 22, 1879 he was married to Amelia Carlson. There are five children in the family, Oscar W., Albert J., Anna and Walter.

PETER JOHN PLANTIN

was born in Norra Strö, Skåne, Sweden, July 7, 1854, the son of



PETER J. PLANTIN

John Person and his wife Johanna Plantin. Both parents have died in recent years at the old homestead. He attended grammar school in his youth, and later was apprenticed to a carpenter contractor, remaining five years in his employ. In the fall of 1881, shortly after coming to America, he obtained work in Chicago as carpenter and worked for others until 1891, when he engaged in business for himself as building contractor. His residence is at 1696 Buckingham place.

Mr. Plantin was married Apr.

5, 1884, to Miss Matilda Nelson. Their children with year of birth are Ethel, E. 1885, Minnie J. W. 1887, Mildred, E. 1889, and Frida M., 1892.

Mr. Plantin is a member of the I. O. S. being at present treasurer of the Svithiod Lodge, also of the King Oscar Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Oriental Consistory and Medina Temple, Mystic Shrine.

C. PHILIP EKBLOM

was born Feb. 6, 1859, in Södertelje, Sweden. He emigrated to



C. PHILIP EKBLOM

America in 1880. For thirteen years he worked at his trade of harnessmaking, in Woburn, Mass., Keene, N. H., and in Hartford, Conn. In the spring of 1893 he accepted an offer of L. Kiper & Sons to go to Chicago and take charge of one of the departments in their saddlery manufactory, which is now claimed to be the largest of its kind in this country. This position has ever since been filled by Mr. Ekblom. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity and has served as Master of King Oscar Lodge. Mr. Ekblom is also a well-known member of the Maccabees.

NELS J. JOHNSON

was born at Huaröd, Skåne, Sweden, November 1, 1870, and



NELS. J. JOHNSON

emigrated to America in 1891. He performed common labor during the first two years after his arrival. When he had obtained a sufficient knowledge of English he took a six months' course in the Metropolitan Business College, then served the city in the capacity of a police operator for two years. In the meantime he acquired a taste for studying law and consequently entered the Kent College of Law, from which he graduated after two years. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1897. He im-

mediately opened a law office at 1144-1148 Unity Building, where he is still located.

Mr. Johnson joined the South Park Lodge Masons in Chicago in 1896, was one of the charter members of King Oscar Lodge, of which he has been secretary from its institution, and is a 32d degree Mason and Shriner. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F.

EMIL J. HOLT

was born May 18, 1862, in Holtljunga Parish, Vestergötland, Sweden. He went with his parents to Halmstad when a small child. After attending private schools there about four years, he continued his studies in the Latin school, for five years. He early showed a talent for drawing, some of his work winning honorable



EMIL J. HOLT

mention and a prize. In 1879 he emigrated to America, and, after about one year's stay in Chicago, he went to New Orleans, where he studied art and designing for three years. Then after attending the art school at Washington University in St. Louis, Mr. Holt, in 1889, settled in Chicago as a portrait and landscape painter. Since studying at the Art Academy, he has opened an art store and studio in Lake View.

FRANK H. HENDRICKSON

was born in Chicago, January 2, 1872. He was one year old when



FRANK H. HENDRICKSON

his parents moved to Webster co., Iowa. His father bought a farm in the vicinity of Ft. Dodge where young Hendrickson spent his childhood. He attended the common schools and then took a course at Luther Academy, but did not graduate. In June, 1897, he moved to North Dakota where he filed on a homestead. After farming until Aug. 1901, he sold his farm and moved to Chicago. He is a graduate of the Chicago School of

Psychology, and the Edison School of Electro-therapy. He is at present engaged in the realty business, with office at Chappell, Neb.

ALBERT RUNDBLAD

was born Sept. 17, 1865, in Sundsvall, Sweden. He completed the



ALBERT RUNDBLAD

courses offered at the local manual training school and the Vesternorrland collegiate school. Emigrating to the United States in 1886, he worked as a woodcarver for four years and then became a real estate broker in Chicago. His office is at 88 Washington st. He is a director in several mining corporations and takes an active part in the business and social life of the city. He is a member of Knights of Pythias, King Oscar Lodge of Free Masons and of the Mystic Shrine. He was married in 1902 to Miss Ella Wallin.

JOHAN FREDRIK JOHNSON

was born March 20, 1859, in Lund, Knätte parish, Elfsborg län, Swed-



JOHAN FREDRIK JOHNSON

en. After a course of instruction in the Göteborg Commercial Institute, he was employed by C. J. Kronker & Co., one of the fashionable tailoring firms of Göteborg. At the age of seventeen years he went to London, England. Thence he made a trip to India and China. Going in 1880 to Chicago, he began to work at his trade and is at the present time a vest manufacturer at 157 Gault Court. Mr. Johnson was married in 1887 to May Elizabeth Smith of Chicago. They have been blessed with four sons and one daughter. Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the English M. E. Church and reside at 1274 Wilton ave. Mr. Johnson is in the ranks of the Columbian Knights.

NEWMAN BROTHERS.

Gustave R. Newman was born Dec. 14, 1851, at Stensnäs, in



GUSTAVE R. NEWMAN

Ukna parish, Småland, Sweden. Here also were born his brothers, Charles W. Newman, on August 15, 1853, and John A. Newman. The three brothers emigrated together in 1865. After gaining fifteen years' commercial experience they formed a partnership on May 1, 1880, and started the manufacture of parlor and chapel organs at 63 West Washington st. Their business increased so that the factory gradually came to occupy 63, 65 and 67 Washington st. In Aug. 1887, a fire occured in the factory and they then moved into a larger factory at 38-40 S. Canal st. A second fire in Apr. 1889, again compelled them to move. Their factory was temporarily established at Wells st. and Institute Place (then Pearson st.) They later moved to the new factory built for them at 5-17 Dix st and W. Chicago ave. The business was in 1892 incorporated as Newman Brothers Co. The firm lost, at this juncture, one of its members, John A. Newman, who died Sept. 30, 1894. By 1895 the demand for their organs had so increased as to make Newman Brothers Co. among the foremost organ manufacturers in the country. Perceiving that they had a market for a high-grade piano they equipped themselves during this year for a new venture. From several scales they selected one drawn by E. Becker, an old and experienced craftsman who had thirty-five years practice in building pianos. Guided by his skill and under the personal supervision



CHARLES W. NEWMAN

of Gustave R. Newman, the firm has built a high-grade piano which is ever increasing its reputation. The demand for this piano has compelled the erection, in 1900,

of a six story building, 50x100 ft., adjacent to the older five-story factory. The majority of men employed by Newman Brothers Co. are Swedes. Newman Brothers Co.'s factory is one of the largest enterprises conducted by Swedes in the United States. Gustave R. Newman is now president and Charles W. Newman is secretary and treasurer. They reside at 523 and 527 Orchard St.

ANDERS L. LÖFSTRÖM

was born in the city of Malmö, in Skåne, Sweden, October 30,



ANDERS L. LÖFSTRÖM

1864. His childhood days were spent on the shores of the sea and there was early kindled in his mind a desire to become a sailor. At the age of ten he went to sea, as cabin-boy. For several years he worked on shipboard on vessels plying between the ports of he North Sea and the Baltic, and thereafter took hire on a large sailing vessel in which he for the first time crossed the ocean. He thereafter sailed for many years to various parts of the world, making several visits to America. Here it was that he was first placed in command of a vessel, after passing a satisfactory shipmaster's examination before the Navigation Board at Salem, Massachusetts. In 1880 he came to Chicago and for a few years was in command of several vessels plying on the Great Lakes.

In 1896 Captain Löfström was married to Miss Matilda Maria Larson, of Ulricehamn, Sweden. The year before he had quit the life of a seaman and settled down in Chicago as a tobacconist, on Oak st., in the center of a populous Swedish district. To this business he has since added a stationery and book store, and a printing shop.

In 1906 Captain Löfström moved his business to 1719 N. Clark st., where he conducts a well equipped store.

Though his early education was limited, poetry and prose sketches which have appeared in his *Dalkullan Kalender* show that he possesses a talent of no mean order.

Captain Löfström is one of the organizers and charter members of King Oscar Lodge of Masons, and also belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Vikings, the Svithiod and Orpheus Singing Clubs, and several other organizations.

ALFRED HAKANSON,

Physician and Surgeon, was born May 12, 1866, at Geneseo, Ill. His parents, John and Hanna



ALFRED HAKANSON

Hakanson, were natives of Kristianstad, Sweden, and immigrated 1859 to this country, locating in Moline, being among the earliest Swedish settlers in that vicinity. They had five children of whom Alfred was the youngest.

After some years the family moved out to Nebraska, where the doctor received his public school education, which he finished at the high school at Oakland. Thereupon he entered Luther Academy at Wahoo, same state, graduating in 1886. From there he went to Augustana College, Rock Island, pursuing studies for some time, and then began a medical course at the Omaha Medical College of the University of Nebraska, from which institution he graduated in 1890.

During his medical studies he had the advantage of having as preceptor Dr. D. G. Bryant, Professor of diseases of the Eye and Ear at the medical department of Creighton University, Omaha, and J. B. Ralph, City Physician of Omaha. After graduating in medicine he first located in Rockford, Ill., but removed the following year, 1891, to Chicago, where since he has very successfully pursued his chosen profession. During his residence in South Chicago he was for two years county physician for that territory. He was also a member of the medical staff of South Chicago Hospital for two years, 1899 and 1900. In 1895 Dr. Hakanson took a special post-graduate course at the New York Post Graduate Hospital, and at the principal hospitals of Philadelphia and Baltimore. During the year 1901 he made an extensive trip through Europe, visiting the principal cities of Great Britain, Germany, Denmark and Sweden. While staying in London pursuing opthalmic studies, he received an appointment as clinical assistant to Dr. A. Stanford Morton, Opthalmic Surgeon to the Royal London Opthalmic Hospital in London, and served in this capacity during six months.

Dr. Hakanson is now making a specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, and has his office in the Reliance Building, 100 State Street, Chicago.

Dr. Hakanson is a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society

and the Chicago Medical Society, and has attended several of the American Med. Assocation's annual conventions as a delegate. He is attending physician at Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Chief Laryngologist and Rhinologist of the Augustana Hospital, also senior attending surgeon to the department of the eye, ear, nose and throat at Washington Park Hospital. The doctor is a member of several beneficial and fraternal associations.

Dr. Hakanson was married in 1892 to Miss Bertha W. Lindberg, whose parents were among the first Swedish settlers in Chicago, having emigrated from Lund, Sweden, in 1864. A daughter, Ethel Evelyn, was born September 13, 1905. They reside at 6010 So. Park ave., near Washington Park.

SAMUEL ANDERSON

was born in Landa parish, in the province of Halland, Sweden, Aug. 14, 1840, and came to this country in the spring of 1870, locating in Chicago, which has since been his home. For some time after his arrival, he worked at the carpenter's trade, afterwards engaging in the manufacture of what has been called "the poor man's butter," otherwise known in the market as oleomargarine, or butterine, which proved a phenomenal success as a business venture. Mr. Anderson never carried on the business in his own name, however, but acted as superintendent for the firm of Braun & Fitts, which position he held for 32 years. During the period of the



SAMUEL ANDERSON

greatest demand for their product this firm manufactured as much as 2,000,000 lbs. a month. It should be stated that they always sold their product under its real name and never tried to pass it off as genuine butter, with which, however, it soon came in competition both in taste and nutritive qualities.

During the last few years he has superintended the butterine plant of George P. Braun, former business partner in the firm of Braun & Fitts.

Immediately after arriving at Chicago, Mr. Anderson joined the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, of which he has ever since been an active, zealous and highly respected member. For more than thirty years he has been a member of the church council, and in 1872 he was a member of the

building committee which had in charge the erection of the present church on Sedgwick st. He has also taken great interest in missions, educational and charitable work. He is at present member of the Board of Directors of Augustana College, the principal Swedish-American institution of learning, and is likewise one of the directors of Augustana Hospital in Chicago.

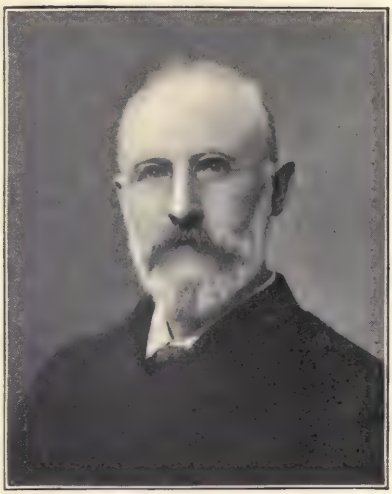
Mr. Anderson has been married twice. His first wife, Maria Gustafva Anderson, died in 1878. Of five children born to them all died young. Oct. 15, 1879, he married Miss Ida Louisa Anderson from Södra Ljunga, Småland. This marriage has been blessed with seven children of whom five are still living. Selma Malinda Emanuela, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Anton Emil Peterson; another daughter, Anna Maria, married Edward Linn, and the third daughter, Mabel Wilhelmina, is Mrs. J. L. Oakleaf of Moline, Ill. The sons are, Hjalmar Emanuel and Arthur Emil Nathanael.

The inventor and manufacturer of "the poor man's butter" has ever endeavored to alleviate the sufferings of the poor, in innumerable ways, by an extensive philanthropy, and has also given munificent sums to churches, charitable and educational institutions. To Mr. Anderson's credit it should be added, that in all this he has never sought recognition or praise, acting solely on the promptings of a large and benevolent heart.

The residence of Mr. Anderson and family is at 694 North Park ave.

ERIK WINGREN,

editor of *Nya Wecko-Posten*, was born in Mårdsjö, Stugun parish,



ERIK WINGREN

Jämtland, Sweden, Dec. 17, 1843. At the age of sixteen years he was converted and a few years afterward baptized in the Baptist faith by A. Hjälm, pastor at Ragunda. Being the first in the neighborhood to break with the state church and cleave to a comparatively unknown faith, against which there existed much prejudice, his act attracted much attention. He was long the only Baptist in the district. Having received private instruction, he attended an academy in Sundsvall. He was the first student of the Bethel Seminary in Stockholm when it opened. After the completion of his studies he became pastor of a

congregation in Sundsvall which he had served at times while a student. He also conducted a school for female teachers for a short time.

In the summer of 1869 Mr. Wingren removed to Kristianstad and served the congregation there over a year, at the same time preaching in various parts of the district.

Meanwhile he especially endeavored to awaken and strengthen the missionary instinct in these congregations and met with encouragement, encountering, however, many difficulties on account of peculiar ideas and views which had crept into the congregation from lack of education. This caused him to seek a new field. Malmö appeared to be a more promising one. He moved there and began his work in the fall of 1870. A congregation was formed, whose pastor he became. He remained there ten years and saw the congregation grow from five to one hundred and fifty members. During this period he took up missionary work in Lund, Trelleborg and several other places with encouraging results. A congregation was formed in Trelleborg with thirty members. Another was later formed in Lund. During these years he had, in part, the charge of the missionary work in Skåne and the western part of Småland. He also visited Halland in the same interests. In order to obtain co-workers he conducted a summer school for the education of preachers and female school teachers. The last two years he published a monthly tract called *Hemmissionären*.

In response to a joint call issued by the Second Swedish Baptist Church in Chicago and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Rev. Mr. Wingren came to Chicago in March, 1880 and assumed pastoral charge of that church, also editing a newspaper founded by Dr. Edgren as the organ of the Swedish Baptist Church in America. Besides, he assisted Dr. Edgren as instructor in the theological seminary at Morgan Park. With three so important branches of activity he soon found it impossible to do them all justice. In the two years that Mr. Wingren had charge, the membership of the church increased from 33 to 150 and the Sunday school and Young People's Society became important factors in its development. Mr. Wingren founded two missions, one of which became a congregation.

In the summer of 1882 the Rev. Mr. Wingren, after a renewed call, accepted the pastorate of the First Swedish Baptist Church in Chicago. He remained in this charge until the autumn of 1884. During this time the congregation increased from 335 to 410 members, although a daughter congregation had been formed from it.

The newspaper, *Nya Wecko-Posten*, had now developed so as to require Mr. Wingren's whole attention. It was changed from a semi-monthly to a weekly and has been increased in size from time

to time being now a 7-column, 8-page paper. The public has valued Mr. Wingren's work on this paper and has given him constant encouragement, so that it has now a greater circulation than any other Swedish Baptist newspaper.

Pastor Wingren was married Nov. 14, 1870, to Miss Bianca Henrietta Christina Ohman, who has always taken a warm interest in his activities. Their union has been blessed with ten children, eight of whom are living.

ERICK GUSTAF PETTERSON

was born in Espenäs, in the Karlskoga mining district of Vermland,



ERICK GUSTAF PETTERSON

Sweden, Oct. 28, 1846. Having finished school, he left the shelter of the parental roof at the age of 18 years, and set out to learn a trade. During the summer months he worked as a carpenter, and in the winter he found employment at blacksmithing. In the summer of 1868 he emigrated to America and settled in Moline, Ill. Thence he went to Sagetown, and later secured employement at the great inland arsenal, maintained by the U. S. Government at Rock Island. From there he went to Chicago in 1851. Here he worked as carpenter for three years, and then engaged in business as building contractor. This was no easy matter in such times of depression as the years following the great panic of 1873, but with matchless energy and an iron will he overcame all obstacles, and by integrity, skill and care achieved success.

While supervising work in daytime, Mr. Petterson spent his evenings studying architecture. He has superintended the erection of a number of important buildings, and has drawn the plans for a number of Swedish churches and parsonages in Illinois. From 1887 to 1891 Mr. Petterson was a member of the School Board of South Chicago (Englewood) district. He has also been an active member of the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran Church of Englewood since its organization in 1875. For fifteen years he served as treasurer, and for twenty-three years as trustee. He has also been vice president of the board of directors of the Augustana Hospital, and a member of the board of directors of the Swedish Lutheran Orphans Home in Joliet since its foundation. The buildings for this home have been erected under Mr. Petterson's direction.

Mr. Petterson is now chairman and superintendent of the Swedish Home Building and Loan Association. He has served as chairman of the building committee of Augustana Hospital and as superintendent of building operations. As a member of the first board of the Salem Home for the Aged at Joliet, he superintended the erection of its building in 1906.

In 1877, Mr. Petterson married Miss Carolina W. Johnson, and their union has been blessed with three daughters. The home is at 5762 Wentworth ave.

JOHN E. NORLING

was born Jan. 13, 1859, at Bishop Hill, Ill. His parents were Anders



JOHN E. NORLING.

and Elizabeth Norling, from Stålbo in Nora parish, Sweden. They emigrated from Sweden in October 1854, crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, requiring thirteen weeks for the voyage.

Reaching New York they proceeded directly to Bishop Hill, joining the Swedish colony founded there by Erik Jansson, and remaining until it was dissolved in 1863, when they removed to a farm in the vicinity.

John E. Norling had more taste for business than agriculture. Equipped with a high school education, he became a drug clerk, and at the age of twenty he was manager of L. P. Ek's drug store in Galva, Ill. Later, he and his brothers, P. O. and A. D. Norling bought this store, and opened drug stores at Nekoma and Bishop Hill.

In the fall of 1881, Mr. Norling engaged in the land and colonization business, operating west of the Missouri. Together with his brother A. D. Norling he also established in Nebraska a ranch of several thousand acres stocked with cattle, horses and swine.

In 1889 the stores were disposed of and Mr. Norling devoted himself to industrial enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the Mulford Steam Heating Company at Streator, Ill., being chosen secretary and treasurer. After two years he left this position to engage in the real estate and land business in Chicago. He was one of the promoters of the settlements of Las Animas, Colo., and El Campo, Texas. His diversified interests soon embraced gold mining, and he has been prominently connected with the Magnolia and the Wood Mountain mining enterprises. When in August, 1900, *Svenska Tribunen*, a Swedish weekly newspaper

printed in Chicago, was offered for sale, Mr. Norling, together with his brother, P. O. Norling, and S. E. Carlsson, bought the paper and soon after acquired *Fosterlandet*, a religious weekly, and a year later became sole owner of both papers.

As early as 1892 Mr. Norling's attention was called to the possibilities of an automatic telephone by its inventor, F. A. Lundquist. The practicability of the invention having been proven by the installation of several exchanges, the Globe Automatic Telephone Co. was organized in 1901, with Mr. Norling as president, for the purpose of manufacturing instruments on a large scale. Simultaneously Mr. Norling was heavily interested also in the Monarch Telephone Manufacturing Co., and was president of the concern. In 1905 he sold his newspapers, and ill health more recently has compelled him to dispose of part of his other business interests.

Dec. 30, 1890, Mr. Norling was married to Christine Erickson, born March 9, 1859, in Nora parish, Vestmanland, Sweden. They have two daughters — Lillian May, born May 1, 1894, and Ruth Elizabeth, born June 11, 1897.

Mr. Norling is a Mason, and a member of the Marquette Club, the New Illinois Athletic Association, the Swedish Glee Club, and the Svithiod Singing Club. The family residence is at 801 Burling st., Lake View.

ROBERT HJALMAR PALM was born Aug. 13, 1866, in Domnarfvet, province of Dalarne, Swe-



ROBERT HJALMAR PALM

den. His father, William Palm, was a sawyer. Robert attended the public school until he was fourteen years old and had been confirmed in the state church. For two years he worked in the saw mills. At the age of seventeen years he secured employment in the machine shop of the iron mills at Domnarfvet remaining for about two years. In 1886 he went to America and came on to Chicago, where he soon secured work in a machine shop. Realizing the need of theoretical training, he began taking evening courses in the free grammar school for several years, after which he studied mechanical drawing in the evening North Division High School. Subsequently he studied business at the Metropolitan Business College, architectural training at the Art Institute

and graphical statics at the Athenaeum. A final course was taken at Columbia Business College in the construction of gearings and in mechanical drawing. In the meantime Mr. Palm had worked for twelve years in the pattern shop of S. H. Sinclair Co. In 1898 he started his own business on the north side. For five years he has had his machine shop at 43-45 So. Canal st., where he makes a specialty of laundry machinery, the plant being known as the Chicago Rival Machine Co. Twelve different styles of machines for hand and steam power are designed and constructed by him. Mr. Palm belongs to the I. O. V.

Aug. 31, 1905, he was married to Miss Clara Florence Lord, born at Chaffe, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1858.

JOHN N. SANDBLOM

was born July 6, 1871, in Falköping, Vestergötland, Sweden. At the age of seven years he was brought to Stockholm, the family locating there. His early education was obtained in private schools and in the high school. He left Sweden in 1893 bound for Chicago, and began the study of dentistry at the Northwestern Dental School in 1897. After three years of hard work he was graduated with the highest honors, and was then made demonstrator at the school in token of his high scholarship. After serving a year in this capacity his private practice had grown to such proportions that he resigned the position.

In 1905 Dr. Sandblom went to Europe to give a course of demonstrations in American dentistry to the dental profession in the



JOHN N. SANDBLOM

Scandinavian countries. Beginning in Christiania, his course proved so popular that a second one had to be given, and the proposed courses in Stockholm and Copenhagen were abandoned. In July of that year Dr. Sandblom read a paper before the Scandinavian Dental Congress held in the Danish capital.

Dr. Sandblom's visit to Christiania resulted in his being called as dean of the Dental School of the New Institute of Technology in that city, a government institution connected with the Christiania University. Dr. Sandblom returned to Chicago to await the result of the pending negotiations between Sweden and Norway anent the dissolution of the Union, before definitely accepting the appointment, and departed for his

new post late in the year. He still maintains his dental office in the Masonic Temple.

Dr. Sandblom is an accomplished skater, having won many trophies, medals and cups in Europe and America for skill and speed. In 1896 he won the championship for this country and defended it twice. He belongs to the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity and served while in Chicago as president of the Scandinavian Dental Society. Dr. Sandblom was married in 1900 to Ellen F. Chinlund.

JOHN NELSON

was born at Ousby, Skåne, Sweden, June 20, 1851. His youth



JOHN NELSON

and early manhood were spent in the old country, where he learned the trade of stone cutting. For nine years he was employed by the government in the construction of railroad bridges and station houses. In 1881 he emigrated to America and made his home in in Chicago. Thence he went out west, and found employment at his trade in California. In 1883 he returned to Chicago. From 1897 he has been engaged in the business of cut stone contractor until 1904, when he sold out to the firm of Anderson & Lundgren.

For many years he has been an active worker in the independent Mission Church in Englewood, having served fourteen years in the church council.

Mr. Nelson is married since 1887 to Miss Johanna Matilda Johnson from Sköfde, Sweden.

JULIUS SODERSTAM

was born in Jemshög, Blekinge, Sweden, on February 25, 1859.



JULIUS SODERSTAM

His father was a gentleman farmer, who sent his son to high school and then to the renowned Alnarp Royal Agricultural Institute. Young Soderstam graduated in 1881

as agricultural engineer. He was a civil engineer's instrument man at the survey for the State Trunk R. R. in Northern Sweden. Subsequently he took a course at Skeppsholmen Theoretical School of Agriculture. Now he became superintendent on a large estate and there remained until 1884, when he visited Germany, England and Scotland to further his knowledge of scientific agriculture. Mr. Soderstam went from Scotland to Chicago, where he found it so congenial that he concluded to settle there. He worked first at surveying and later at railroad and canal building. He was one of the first engineers engaged with the construction of the Drainage Canal, and is still working in the construction office of this waterway. Mr. Soderstam was married in 1888 to Miss Sophie Jansson, with whom he has had three children, of whom two daughters, Elsie and Vivian, are still living. Mr. Soderstam has taken an active interest in Republican politics.

NILS OLSON

was born Sept. 28, 1870, in Rock Island, Ill., where he attended the public schools for thirteen years and graduated with highest honors from the city high school in 1888. He came to Chicago in 1891 and soon after was employed by the Dime Savings Bank as note teller, continuing there until 1897. In June of that year he graduated from the Chicago College of Law and took the post-graduate course under Ex-Judge Moran.

June 23, 1897, he was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court



NILS OLSON

of Illinois and has been engaged in the practice of law from that time on. Mr. Olson is a resident of Englewood. His office is at 161 E. Randolph st.

Oct. 10, 1901, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Matilda Backman, daughter of W. W. and Mary Backman of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are members of the Englewood Baptist Church, and Mr. Olson belongs to the Fraternity Club and the Royal League. In 1905 he was elected Secretary of the Scandia Loan and Investment Association of Chicago.

CARL JOHN BJÖRK,

minister of the Swedish Mission Church, was born in Mönsterås parish, Småland, April 24, 1864. He emigrated to the United States in 1887 and settled in New Britain, Conn. After completing his theo-

logical studies at North Park College, Chicago, he was ordained as



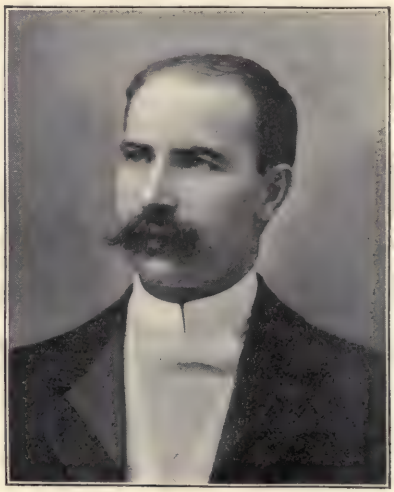
CARL JOHN BJÖRK

a minister in the Swedish Ev. Mission Covenant of America. He has had charges at Irving Park and Maplewood, Chicago, and at Nunda, Ill. Recently he accepted a call to Salemsburg, Kansas, where he is pastor of the Swedish Mission Church.

The Rev. Mr. Björk was married to Julia Carlson, Feb. 2, 1889. They have two daughters, Gertrude and Helen.

MONS S. NORD

was born April 28, 1860, at Fjelkestad, Skåne, Sweden, where his father was a farmer. After finishing the course in the high school at Önnestad, he entered the Swedish postal service, retaining his position until Jan. 1, 1888, when he left the service intending to leave the country. The following spring he emigrated. Coming to the United States, he settled first at Osage City, Kansas, and then at Topeka, where he made his first venture in business as proprietor of a barber shop. Oct. 8, 1891, Mr. Nord was united in marriage to Miss Hanna Nelson from Holmby, Skåne, Sweden. In 1897 Mr. Nord removed to Chicago. He is a member of the First Swedish Baptist Church of this city. In 1898-99 he served as secre-



MONS S. NORD

tary of the executive committee of the Swedish Baptist Sunday School Union of Illinois. He was collector of the jubilee fund designed to perpetuate the memory of the founding of the Swedish Baptist Church in this country.

He has further shown much interest in political, temperance and philanthropic matters. Mr. Nord was for years special representative for the New York Life Insurance Co. and has in later years been dealing in land, stocks and bonds.

ERIC SCHERSTROM

was born in Bergsjö, Helsingland, Sweden, on the 25th of June, 1874. He emigrated from Sweden



ERIC SCHERSTROM

at the age of nineteen, and arrived in America in June, 1893. He first resided in Minnesota, staying for some time in Isanti county, and from there moved to Minneapolis. After having lived in Minneapolis for a period, he went to Lake Nebogemain, Wis., and from this place he came to Chicago to take up studies at the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary of the University of Chicago. On May 14, 1902, Mr. Scherstrom was graduated from the seminary and then assumed pastoral charge of the Swedish Baptist Tabernacle Church of South Chicago. Recently Mr. Scherstrom removed to Portland, Ore. having been called to the Swedish Baptist Church in that city.

JOHN HENRY LINDAHL

was born in Skatlöf parish, in the province of Småland, Sweden, Jan. 27, 1859. At the age of eleven years he emigrated to America, the place of his destination being Sycamore, Ill. When fourteen years old he commenced to work for the Marsh Harvester Co., where he learned the machinist's trade. In 1881 he came to Chicago where he worked in the same trade, for several companies. In the fall of 1897 he started in business for himself on a small scale. This has grown at a rapid pace, and



JOHN HENRY LINDAHL

he now occupies his own building at 276–8 W. Lake st., where he makes a specialty of pulleys and sheaves.

Aug. 13, 1881, Mr. Lindahl was married to Miss Betsey Nelson, of Sycamore, Ill., and to them have been born eight children, of whom six are still living.

JOHN P. EDSTRAND

was born in the year 1865, at Kjellstorp, in the parish of Lous-



JOHN P. EDSTRAND

hult, Skåne, Sweden. When a mere boy, thirteen years of age, he went to work in a general store in his native place. Here he continued until the year of 1886, when the desire to improve his fortunes took possession of him and impelled him to emigrate.

Coming directly to Chicago, and having a strong desire to engage in a mechanical business of some kind, he at once found such an opportunity and started to learn the trade of electroplating. Beginning as a metal polisher, he went through all the various departments, mastering the trade in a short time.

In 1895 Mr. Edstrand, together with Mr. Olof Olson, founded a new firm under the name of Edstrand & Olson, to carry on the business of electroplating. The start was a small one, but by their able management, the facility with which they dispatched work and the exceptional quality of their nickelplating, the business had a remarkably rapid growth. To-day it equals, if it does not exceed in magnitude, any similar business in Chicago.

Mr. Edstrand is thoroughly engrossed with his business, which fact has assured his success.

PETER O. HOLMQUIST

was born in Hofva parish, in the province of Vestergötland, Sweden, Dec. 24, 1864. He spent his early days in the place of his birth, where he received the ordinary public school training. When



PETER O. HOLMQUIST

he became of age, he emigrated to America, locating in Chicago in 1886. The following year he began the manufacture of ladders and other specialties of wood. Later, curtain stretchers were among

the products turned out, and the sale of these has been highly gratifying. The firm of Holmquist & Co. now employs some seventy-five workmen.

Mr. Holmquist with his family, composed of his wife, Josephine, née Söderberg, and two sons, reside at 1389 N. Washtenaw ave.

GUSTAV SUNDBERG

was born at Sörfors, Attmar parish, Vesternorrland, Sweden, Sept.



GUSTAV SUNDBERG

23, 1869. Having attended the parish school up to the age of fifteen, he secured employment in the Sörfors Iron Works, serving in the office three years, before starting in the foundry. In 1890 he left Sörfors to go to the United States. He settled in Chicago and secured a position with Joseph Charboneau. Later he was employed by his brother, J. A. Sundberg, with whom, in 1899, he went into partnership under the firm name of J. A. Sundberg & Co. Gustav Sundberg was made superintendent of the concern, which manufactures iron and steel forgings.

Mr. Sundberg has, by his skill and application to business, met with success in his line. That his abilities are coming to be recognized is shown by the fact that during the winter semesters of 1901–1902 and 1906–1907 he was engaged as instructor in the arts of his trade at the Lewis Institute, in Chicago.

SWAN SWANLUND

came to Chicago in May, 1867, from Sweden, where he was born July 12, 1846, at Sölvesborg.



Swan SWANLUND

The first few years in America he worked at cabinet-making. After the great fire he worked in various musical instrument factories and later was engaged in Estey & Camp's store. He has, for a num-

ber of years, been employed as a piano salesman by the Chickering-Chase Brothers Co.

Mr. Swanlund was married Sept. 30, 1870, to Miss Augusta Carlson, from Östergötland, Sweden. and has a family of one son and three daughters. He has taken great interest in church affairs since 1875, and is now a member of the Swedish Mission Church of Lake View. The family residence is at 1152 Newport ave.

STEPHAN CREUTZ

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, May 22, 1856. He came from



STEPHAN CREUTZ

one of the oldest families of the Swedish nobility, his father being Baron Stephan Creutz, Captain of the Grenadier Corps, Royal Life Guards, and Knight of the Order of the Sword. (R. S. O.) The mother's name was Hillevi Fredrika, née Norlin.

The son attended the Arboga Academy, Arboga Technical School and Ultuna Agricultural Institute. As a field for his energy he decided that the United States was the most promising, and came over June 23, 1879. From July, 1879, until the spring of 1880 he labored as a farm hand in New Jersey and Rhode Island. Early in 1880 he became foreman on a farm at Cowisett Station, near East Greenwich, R. I. After holding this position for about three years he left for Chicago in the fall of 1883. For four months he was a carpenter and for three years a street car conductor. In 1889 he passed the civil service examination for an appointment in the light house service. On May 1, 1889, he received an appointment as assistant light-house keeper. The following August, he was appointed inspector at the U. S. Engineer Office at Chicago. He has been engaged from that time to this as U. S. Inspector of River and Harbor Improvements. At present he is inspector of the Calumet River improvements.

At different times, when work has been slack in the Engineer Office, Mr. Creutz has filled positions with private firms, principally the Illinois Steel Co. and the Illinois Central Railway Co., superintending construction work. He was also for five or six months assistant inspector of road construction for the Columbian Exposition.

Mr. Creutz belongs to the Scandinavian Technical Society of Chi-

cago and the Windsor Park Lodge of the Masonic Order.

September 11, 1882, Mr. Creutz was married to Selma Fredrika Lee, in East Greenwich, R. I. Their children are Stephan, a student at the Armour Institute of Technology, and Hillevi Fredrika, a student at South Chicago High School. The family residence is at 7737 Bond ave. Mr. and Mrs. Creutz belong to the Swedish Lutheran Church in South Chicago.

OSCAR CHARLES PETERSON

was born Dec. 15, 1857, in the province of Småland, Sweden. He



OSCAR CHARLES PETERSON

accompanied his parents to America in 1868. They settled on a farm in Iowa. He was eager for knowledge and mapped out a course of studies for himself. At the age of 24 years he graduated from the Iowa State College at Ames, with the highest standing in several subjects, and a year later the degree M. Ph. was conferred upon him. During the following year he matriculated at the Iowa College of Law at Des Moines, and was graduated from this institution in 1884 as attorney at law. He practiced law at Des Moines, Iowa, until 1895, when he removed to Chicago, where he has an extensive practice. He was for several terms president of the Swedish National Association.

Mr. Peterson is a good public speaker and has been frequently heard on the lecture platform. He speaks Swedish and English with equal facility.

He is married to Miss Florence E. Felts, a lady of American birth. Two daughters are the issue of this union.

ANDREW W. FREDRICKSON,

President of North Park College, was born in Chicago, Feb. 13, 1871. His parents emigrated from Mjellby, Sweden, and located in Chicago in 1868. Their home having been destroyed by the fire of Oct. 9, 1871, they moved to Saline co., Kansas, locating on an 80-acre government homestead. Here the subject of this sketch grew up and learned to work hard, spending the winters in school and the summers in the field. At the age of seventeen, he was engaged to teach school in his home district. Here he taught for five consecutive winters, and spent a part of each summer at the Salina Normal University.

In 1893 he entered Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, from which he graduated in 1896, with



ANDREW W. FREDRICKSON

the Bachelor's degree. In 1900 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater, and an instructor's certificate to teach in the Normal Institute was given him by the Board of Education of the State of Kansas.

After his graduation he accepted a call to become the principal of the academic department of North Park College, Chicago, and entered upon his work with the zeal and enthusiasm of one who had found his life's work. His efforts in behalf of this institution have not been limited to the class room, but have reached out into wide circles, he having traveled and lectured in the interests of the college.

Born a Mission Friend, Prof. Fredrickson has taken an active interest in the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant and is a member of the church at North Park, Chicago.

Prof. Fredrickson is a public speaker, and devotes a considerable part of his time to the pulpit and to the platform.

When in 1905 Prof. David Nyvall resigned the presidency of North Park College, Prof. Fredrickson assumed the office as acting president, serving as such until regularly elected to the presidency in 1906 by the Mission Covenant, at its annual meeting in Minneapolis.

Prof. Fredrickson resides with his family in the president's residence on the college campus, corner of Foster and Spaulding aves.

OSCAR A. ROSS

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 9, 1846. After acquiring a common school education he, at the age of 18 years, emigrated to America, locating at Ottawa, Canada. While there he changed his parental name Salzenstein for his present one. In 1868 he came to Chicago and established a labor agency, in which he has been engaged, with some interruptions, ever since. For two years he traveled for the Cunard Line and visited practically every western town and city east of Denver, Colo. In 1883 he made a trip to Stockholm and other Swedish cities, besides Paris, Berlin, Bremen, Liverpool, Queenstown, and London.

Mr. Ross was for 25 or 30 years a member of the Svea Society, and

for some years belonged to the Swedish Club. At present he



OSCAR A. ROSS

prides himself of not being a member of anything but his family. He has a wife and three children, a son and two daughters. The latter are married and live respectively in Los Angeles, Cal., and Kansas City, Mo.

CHARLES J. STROMBERG

was born in Karlshamn, Sweden, Feb. 12, 1838, and accompanied his parents to America in 1854, at the age of sixteen years. After a short stay in Westchester, Pa., and Lisletown, Mo., he went to Chicago in August, 1856. Here he was employed for seven years by the firm of W. B. Keen & Co., quitting his position in 1864 to join the Union army. Returning home the following year, he secured employment with the stationery firm of J. M. W. Jones & Co., and remained as clerk, manager, and member of the firm, successively, until 1888, when he left to form the present firm of Stromberg, Allen & Co., which has grown to be one of the largest printers in Chicago.

Mr. Stromberg was married in 1863, his wife's maiden name being Augusta J. Anderson. They have had one son, Charles J. Stromberg, Jr., who is engaged with the firm.



CHARLES J. STROMBERG

Mr. Stromberg's home was in Lake View, where he also served as trustee of the Lake View High School. His winter home since 1898 was at Fairhope, Ala. He died there March 12, 1904, after a lingering illness. The remains were buried at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago.

ANTON FREDRICK LINDQUIST

was born Sept. 20, 1858, in Stockholm, Sweden. Having secured a

common school education he became a locomotive fireman on the



ANTON FREDRICK LINDQUIST

Dannemora and Harg railway line. Later he was employed as machinist with the Harg Iron Works, a position retained until he left for America in 1880. Having located at Chicago, he at once took up the study of architecture and engineering in the office of Hugh Copeland. Mr. Lindquist later struck out for himself, establishing an architect's office of his own. He affiliates with the Swedish Lutheran Church and belongs to the Architects' Business Association. Mr. Lindquist was married in 1885 to Emily M. Anderson from Ödeshög, Östergötland. They have three sons and three daughters.

AXEL G. ENGWALL,

engineer in the Chicago fire department, was born on the island of Visingsö, in Lake Vettern, Sweden, Sept. 24, 1865. At the age of five years he was sent to the public school. After completing the course, he studied at the collegiate school in Jönköping for two years. After another two years spent at home, he left for America March 14, 1879. After drifting around in this country and working in various parts for two years, he finally went to Chicago in the fall of 1881. Here he took up the study of engineering, taking a three years' course in that subject. A few years later he was appointed assistant engineer in Engine Co.



AXEL G. ENGWALL

66. In 1892 he was promoted to First Engineer in Engine Co. 74, where he remained three years. He was then transferred to Engine Co. 12, where he is still stationed. Mr. Engwall is the inventor of the Combination Water Tower, at which he worked for about eight months, and on which he finally received his letters patent, Feb. 22, 1902.

In 1887 Miss Josephine Lindquist, from Grenna, Sweden, became the wife of Mr. Engwall. They have two boys, both living.

OLOF H. AHLGREN

was born in Mellby parish, Skåne, Sweden, Jan. 31, 1851. His father,



OLOF H. AHLGREN

Olof P. Ahlgren, a farmer, was also parish school master and legal counsellor of the village. In this country he engaged in carpentry. He died in Chicago March 5, 1906.

After obtaining a common school education the son emigrated in 1871. Chicago was his destination and there he worked for several years in the packing business. In 1875 Mr. Ahlgren became a grocer and tea merchant, continuing for about ten years. For the last twenty-one years he has been the proprietor of Hotel Stockholm, 52-56 E. Chicago ave.

Mr. Ahlgren belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Mathilda S. Grönvall of Engelholm, Sweden, who became his wife March 4, 1877, and died in Chicago March 25, 1880. Jan. 29, 1885, Mr. Ahlgren was wedded to Miss Hilda M. Bond, daughter of And. R. and Sophia P. Bond. He has had one child, a daughter, who died in infancy.

ERIK PETER STRANDBERG

was born March 10, 1860, in Strömsnäs, Stugun parish, Jämtland, Sweden. His mother Anna Nilsdotter was of Finnish descent. His father was Erick Mårtenson, a wealthy peasant who, however, by the time his son had grown to



ERIK PETER STRANDBERG

manhood, had lost his property through evil fortune.

At the age of eighteen Strandberg went to Sundsvall, where he learned the joiner's trade. After two years he returned to Stugun where he and a partner made fur-

niture for the parish. In 1882 he left for America and became a foreman in a lumber yard at Oak Park, Minn. During 1884-1885 he was in St. Cloud, removing thence to Joliet, Ill., where he became a building contractor. The following year Mr. Strandberg was attracted to the great metropolis of the West, where he worked for several contractors. At Christmas he visited his old home, where he was married to Ingrid Isakson, his heart's choice. With her he returned to Chicago in the spring of 1887. Mrs. Strandberg died within the year. After two years Mr. Strandberg was remarried, his second wife being Hilma Anderson. They have had six children, of whom two boys and a girl still live.

Mr. Strandberg's building operations are conducted on a very large scale. A few of the buildings he has erected are the Chicago Orphans' Asylum; Reed Memorial Library and Chapel; Smith Hall at Lake Forest University; a number of railway stations, and splendid residences for Messrs. Born and Kurzberger, Simon Mandel, Fred T. Haskell, Noble B. Judah, Wm. Dickinson, and Mrs. Wm. Hoyt. Mr. Strandberg's business was incorporated in 1902 under the name and style of E. P. Strandberg Co., he being president and treasurer. He has the controlling interest of Anderson and Lundgren Cut Stone Co. and is a director of the concern. Mr. Strandberg has been vice president of Scandia Life Insurance Co., director of the Swedish Baptist Mutual Aid Association and president of the Chicago Cemetery Association which owns the new Swedish Oak Hill Cemetery.

The family residence is at 3330 Indiana Avenue.

CHARLES WARREN NELSON, florist, was born at Strö, Skåne, Sweden, Feb. 26, 1871, his parents



CHARLES WARREN NELSON

being Nils Nilson and Karin Ohlson. His father died in the old country Dec. 19, 1905.

Coming to the United States in 1887, he settled in Chicago, where his first years where spent in learning the different branches of the floral business and also, at the same time, pursuing the business college course offered by the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1894 Mr. Nelson engaged in the floral business at 1217 Milwaukee avenue, where he has built up a large trade.

Mr. Nelson is a director of the Wicker Park Safe Deposit and Trust Company. He holds membership in the following fraternities, lodges and clubs: Cleveland Lodge No. 211, A. F. and A. M.; Wicker Park Lodge No. 281, and Victory Encampment, I. O. O. F.; Orion Council No. 11, Royal League; Austin Council No. 50, North American Union; Svithiod Lodge No. 1, I. O. S., and the Svithiod Singing Club.

ANDREW SANDEGREN

was born in Halmstad, Halland, Sweden, June 25, 1867. His



ANDREW SANDEGREN

father was a school teacher who remained in active service until he died at the age of 83 years. Andrew attended the Carolinian Cathedral School at Lund. After leaving this institution he took private lessons in technology. In 1885 he became assistant in the city architect's office in Halmstad. At times he was assistant to Chief Engineer Carl Stendahl of the Halmstad—Nässjö Railway and to Captain Tengman, surveyor for the Central Halland Railway. In 1887 he received a commission to make a complete map of the Central Halland Railway for the government. After the completion of this work he went to the United States in the spring of 1888. He had several years' experience in some of the most prominent architects' offices in New York, Boston and Chicago.

In 1893, the World's Fair year, he opened his own office in Chicago. He is now at 1731 First National Bank Building. Mr. Sandegren makes a specialty of high grade work and has erected churches, hospitals, hotels and many of the handsomest apartment buildings in Chicago. He is a member of the Chicago Architectural Club, Chicago Architects' Business Association, the New Illinois Athletic Club, the Swedish Glee Club, the Svithiod Singing Club and the Scandinavian Engineers' Society. Mr. Sandegren resides at Lexington Hotel, 2135 Michigan ave., Chicago.

AUGUST H. SKOGLUND

was born in the city of Örebro, Sweden, March 3, 1871. After having finished his common school education, he left for America in the summer of 1889. Coming to Chicago he began working in the building trades and after a few years established himself as a building contractor. Now he is at the head of A. H. Skoglund &

Co., cut stone contractors in Argyle.

Mr. Skoglund is a member of the Swedish Methodist denomination and was one of the organizers of the Humboldt Park



AUGUST H. SKOGLUND

M. E. Church, which he has served as trustee for a period of ten years.

Mr. Skoglund has been married eleven years and has five children. He resides at 2917 North Paulina st.

CARL ANDERSON

was born in Warberg, Sweden, Aug. 8, 1851. He came to this country in 1869 and was engaged for some time in railroad work. He learned his trade, that of machinist, in Chicago and has continued in this line of work for thirty-four years. Mr. Anderson is president of the Carl Anderson Co., which conducts a general machine shop at 19 Huron st., Chicago. The firm manufactures and repairs all kinds of machinery. It is the sole manufacturer of the "Gus" gas and gasoline engines.

Mr. Anderson married Miss Anna Dahlgren of Gotland, Sweden, Oct. 1, 1872. They had five children born to them, three sons and one daughter living. Two of the sons are in their father's employ and one is a clerk in the First National Bank of Chicago. Mr. Anderson's residence is a two story



CARL ANDERSON

brick building, situated at Hamilton and Wilson aves.

ALEXANDER ANDERSON

was born in Åsheda, Småland, Sweden, Dec. 11, 1863, and came to America in 1881. He has since resided almost continuously in Chicago. Soon after his arrival to the city he secured employment in a shoe factory. From this position he has steadily risen until he is now foreman for Selz, Schwab & Co., shoe manufacturers,

having charge of the bottoming and finishing room with about 250 employes under his supervision.



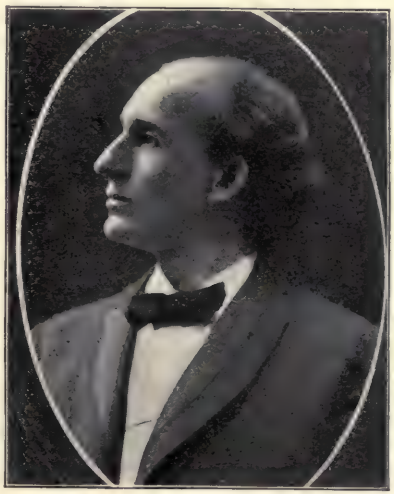
ALEXANDER ANDERSON

Previously he held a position as foreman with the Schwab Bros. Shoe Mfg. Co.

Mr. Anderson has long been prominent in political and fraternal organizations. He has been a delegate to several political conventions, president of the Third Ward Democratic Club, and held several offices in the Swedish Democratic National Association. He is also a member of the orders of Odd Fellows, Foresters, Vikings, and Columbian Knights.

WILHELM C. BLOOMQUIST.

Rev. Wilhelm Claudius Bloomquist, minister of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, was born in Ethelhem, on the island of Gotland, Sweden, Nov. 2, 1865. His father was a contractor and builder who moved from Småland to Gotland and built the Visby High School. In the family were eight boys and three girls. To better his condition the father emigrated with his family to the United States and arrived Sept. 29, 1880, settling in Jamestown, N. Y. For a number of years Mr. Bloomquist was employed as a clerk in Jamestown. He was Sunday school superintendent and president of the Young People's Society of the Swedish M. E. Church. Later he became a com-



WILHELM C. BLOOMQUIST

mercial traveler. In 1893 he entered the Theological Seminary of Northwestern University, was graduated with honors in 1896 and was ordained as clergyman of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rev. Mr. Bloomquist has served a congregation in Jefferson Park two years and the congregation in Highland Park one year, was pastor of the church in Waukegan, Ill., for two years and of the

Fourth Swedish M. E. Church eight years. In 1896 the Rev. Mr. Bloomquist was married to Miss Judith M. Anderson, a daughter of the Rev. Alfred Anderson of Chicago.

AXEL E. OLSSON

was born April 17, 1857, in Blekinge, Sweden. In 1870 he went to Stockholm where he was ap-



AXEL E. OLSSON

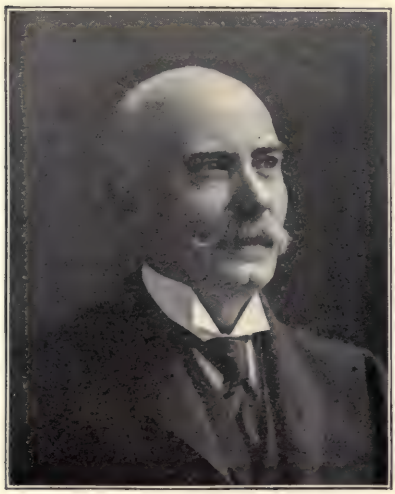
prenticed to a woodcarver. In the meantime he attended the manual training school for several seasons and then the Academy of Liberal Arts, where he was awarded several prizes. After working as carver and modeler, he finally opened his own shop. Although succeeding fairly well, he decided to go abroad. In 1881 he settled in Boston, doing considerable decorative art work in the East, among which may be mentioned the interior plastic decorations for The Breakers, Cornelius Vanderbilt's villa at Newport. One of these was a large relief, entitled the "Triumph of Bacchus."

Two of Mr. Olsson's reliefs, "Spring" and "Autumn," were exhibited and sold in Boston. The year 1885 he spent in New York and in 1889 he traveled in Europe. Mr. Olsson returned to Boston where he won prizes for several competitive designs. He labored for months on models for the Machinery Hall, the Live Stock Building entrance and the Obelisk at the Columbian Exposition. The year 1892 he spent on the exposition grounds, executing these models full size. Among other sculptural decorations in Chicago done by Mr. Olsson are, the plastic representation of a football scrimmage, in the Chicago Athletic Association clubhouse and the bronze fountain in the Public Library.

Mr. Olsson modeled the silver cover of an address to King Oscar of Sweden, from Swedish-Americans in Chicago, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his accession to the throne, and also carved the cover of an address to the Queen from Swedish-American women. A number of public and private buildings in all parts of the country have been decorated with sculpture and reliefs designed by him. Among the places where Mr. Olsson's work may be seen are: U. S. post office building, Del Puento, Colo.; Normal School, De Kalb, Ill., Court house, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Edison Electrical Building, Chicago; State

Historical Society Library, Madison, Wis.; Carnegie Library, Muncie, Ind. Of late years Mr. Olsson has also paid some attention to art furniture designing, poster work and cartooning.

ERNEST OSCAR WATTMAN was born in Upsala, Sweden, March 2, 1847. In June, 1869,



ERNEST OSCAR WATTMAN

he came to Chicago, and worked here at different trades until 1894, when he established a grill work and general wood working shop.

Mr. Wattman is a member of Society Vega, treasurer of the First Swedish Lodge I. O. O. F., and is a trustee and member of the Board of Directors of the Swedish Old People's Home at Park Ridge, Ill.

JOHN LORENTZ was born in the parish of Mjölby, province of Östergötland, Sweden, April 4, 1845. Having finished public school, he was apprenticed to a country tailor at the age of



JOHN LORENTZ

fourteen. At eighteen he left home for the city of Linköping, where he learned the trade thoroughly and became a journeyman tailor. Thereafter he emigrated to America, in 1868, and came to Chicago, where he worked at his trade. In 1870 he left Chicago and went to New York City, where he was connected with some of the best tailoring establishments. Returning to Chicago in 1871, he married Miss Sophia Carolina Anderson, of Tyllinge, Kalmar län, Sweden, the issue being seven children, of whom three girls and three boys are still living.

In his earlier days Mr. Lorentz was identified with the Tailors' Union of Chicago, which he has served as financial secretary and as president.

In 1879 he left Chicago and accepted a position as cutter at

Mazomanie, Dane co., Wis., where he remained for eight years, returning to Chicago in the spring of 1887, where he worked as cutter for another ten years. In 1897 he started in business for himself, locating at 175 Dearborn st. He has had good success, having, while working as a cutter, made the acquaintance of a number of Chicago's best business men.

Mr. Lorentz was instrumental in organizing the Cutters' Society of Chicago and was elected first vice-president and later on president of the society, resigning that office in 1890. He is also identified with the I. O. O. F., in which order he has held prominent positions, including the office of secretary and treasurer of the Odd Fellows Board of Relief of Chicago.

ALFRED JANSSON

was born in the province of Vermland, Sweden, in 1863. He first studied arts and crafts in the technological institutes of Stockholm and Christiania. Later on, he attended the art academies of Stockholm and Paris, remaining two years in the latter place.

In 1889, Mr. Jansson left Paris, and the same year came over to America, making Chicago his place of residence from that time. After the usual struggle for recognition common to artists, he has finally become known as a painter of good landscapes, choosing his subjects from the surroundings of Chicago and painting them with a gentle and true hand.

His pictures have been seen annually at exhibitions in Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Denver,



ALFRED JANSSON

and other places. His picture, "Winter Approaching," in the Chicago local exhibition, 1902, was bought by the Klio Association.

Mr. Jansson is a member of the Arts Club of Chicago, the Palette and Chisel Club, and the Industrial Art League.

CHARLES E. HALLSTROM,

who was born in Jönköping, Sweden, Jan. 22, 1864, came to Chicago as a boy of four, in 1868. He became a professional base-ball player in 1882, and was well known in sporting circles all over the country as the Swedish Wonder. Two years later he started in the tailoring business with his brother, in which trade he is still engaged.

A few years ago, he was nominated on the Republican ticket for West town collector, and ran



CHARLES E. HALLSTROM

12,000 votes ahead of his ticket. In 1899, Mr. Hallstrom was elected to the city council of Chicago, from the Fifteenth Ward. He is a director of a large oil company in Indiana.

Mr. Hallstrom was married in 1888 to Miss Margaret Burns, and one son has been born to the couple.

ERIC PHILIP SWAN

was born in Chariton, Iowa, Feb. 27, 1874. He is a son of O. J. Swan, who is a Methodist minister. Mr. Swan graduated in 1896 from the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary of Evanston, Ill., and in 1892 from the Garrett Biblical Institute of the same city. He is a minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church, laboring in the Western Swedish Conference until 1900, and in the Central Conference from that time on. At present he is pastor of



ERIC PHILIP SWAN

the Bethany Swedish M. E. Church of Chicago.

JOHN SUNDQUIST

was born Nov. 20, 1866, at Loka, Vestmanland, Sweden. The first twenty years of his life were spent in the land of his nativity, but in November, 1886, he emigrated and came to Stambough, Mich., where he stayed until August the following year, when he removed to Chicago. There he commenced to work at the tailor's trade, and established himself in business.

In 1891 Mr. Sundquist married Miss Christina Håkanson, from Råda parish, Vermland, Sweden. They have had three children, one of whom survives.

In 1901 Mr. Sundquist sold out his business and in company with his family made a visit to the old country. In the fall of the

same year he returned to Chicago, however, and opened a tailoring establishment at 796 Southport



JOHN SUNDQUIST

ave., where he employed from 25 to 30 persons. More recently he located at Waveland ave. and N. Halsted st., which is his present business address.

AXEL PETERSON

was born in the city of Örebro, Sweden, March, 12, 1869. A public school education was obtained in his native city. He emigrated in 1888 and came at once to Chicago. During the day he worked at his trade, that of carpenter, and in the evening attended the Manual Training Evening School. Since 1891 he has been in business as carpenter and builder, and is a member of the Carpenters' and Builders' Association. Mr. Peterson was married in 1894, to Hulda Gustafson. Three children have been born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson belong to the Swed-



AXEL PETERSON

ish Mission Church in Lake View and reside at 1617 Addison st.

CHARLES A. STRANDEL

was born in the Swedish province of Vermland, Dec. 31, 1866. At the age of twenty he emigrated to America, arriving in March, 1887. For about a year he resided in Grand Rapids, Mich., and from there came to Chicago.

Mr. Strandel is one of the well known architects of Chicago and, during the last few years, has erected a number of the finest apartment buildings in the city, also a number of private residences and business blocks.

He is a member of Svithiod Lodge No. 1, I. O. S., and of Svithiod Singing Club of Chicago. The concert hall, which has been added to its clubhouse, was erected by him and is one of many

examples of Mr. Strandel's skill as an architect. He is an active



CHARLES A. STRANDEL

and well known member of the Chicago Architects' Association.

CARL FERDINAND KLAUS

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, May 23, 1866. He was reared in his native city, attending common school until ten years of age and subsequently for five years pursuing higher studies in the so-called "German School." At fifteen he was apprenticed to a merchant but finding the occupation uncongenial after two years he went to sea. After a year of seafaring life he came to America, settling in New York state. He studied at Elmira Academy, graduating in 1887. Thereupon he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia College, New York City, from which institution he received the degree of M. D. in 1890. For some time he acted as interne at St Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., and thereafter served as assistant physician at the County Hospital of Milwaukee, Wis. In 1891 he came to Chicago, where he has since resided.

Dr. Klaus was married to Miss Agda Roberg of Stockholm, Aug.



CARL FERDINAND KLAUS

7, 1901. They have a son, Rolf Ferdinand, born July 21, 1902.

CHARLES G. SETTERGREN

was born in Åmmeberg, Nerike, Sweden, Jan. 8, 1860. He came to America in 1869 with his parents, who first went to Minneapolis. Three years later, in 1872, young Settergren removed to Chicago. After graduating trom the Chicago public schools in 1877, he entered the employ of the large wholesale groceryhouse of Reid, Murdoch & Co., occupying various positions. For the last 17 years he has been a traveling salesman for this house, and at the

present time holds a position in the very front rank among the salesmen of this immense concern. Mr. Settergren can boast of an unbroken record of twenty-nine years of faithful service with the same establishment.



CHARLES G. SETTERGREN

NELS GUNNAR EDWARD BOBERG

was born in the city of Karlskrona, Sweden, Sept. 15, 1878. After completing the course in the public schools, he studied at the Karlskrona collegiate school. Thereafter he emigrated in the spring of 1892, destined for Chicago, where he has since lived.

Mr. Boberg has been connected in various capacities with the Swedish newspapers of Chicago. From errand boy on *Svenska Kuriren*, he advanced by successive steps to bookkeeper, clerk and advertising man on *Hemlandet*. From that paper he went over to *Svenska Nyheter* as its advertising manager, a position he still retains after the consolidation of *Svenska Tribunen* with that paper.



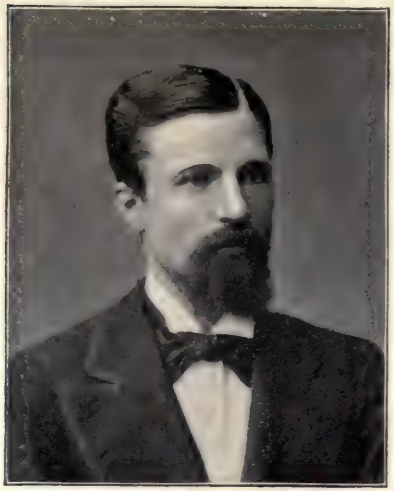
NELS GUNNAR EDWARD BOBERG

Mr. Boberg is a member of the order of Odd Fellows.

GUSTAVUS ANDERSON

was born Nov. 3, 1847, in Långsjögle, Bellö parish, Småland, Sweden. At the age of twelve years, he became an apprentice in the bindery of F. Beck, of Stockholm, official bookbinder to the Royal Court of Sweden. In 1867, his apprenticeship completed, he received from the Trades' Association of Stockholm a silver medal for skill and competence in his craft. The following year he left for America, and came to Chicago. Mr. Anderson early affiliated with the old Swedish M. E. Church in Illinois st. and promoted the general interests of the church in Chicago. He was concerned with the

welfare of his countrymen and assisted many to secure situations. He worked in some of the largest



GUSTAVUS ANDERSON

binderies in this city and New York perfecting himself in his trade. In 1880 he started a bindery of his own, which he operated until 1883, when he sold it and went out west for a few months. Returning to Chicago, he engaged in the real estate business, and has dealt successfully in realty ever since. His business office is in the Stock Exchange Building.

Mr. Anderson is largely interested in the Chicago Brazilian Diamond Co. which owns gold and diamond fields in Diamantina, Brazil.

He was a director of the Linné Monument Association and one of its most energetic members.

He early allied himself with the Republican party, and for the last 17 years has been an active worker in the 26th ward Republican club.

Mr. Anderson is a bachelor, and lives with his widowed sister at 3140 North Lincoln street, Summerdale.

ERIC GUSTAF STRÖM

was born Feb. 10, 1847, at Öfverums Bruk, Småland, Sweden. After his elementary studies were finished, he attended the Vestervik high school for five years. He emigrated from Sweden in 1869 and came at once to Chicago, where he obtained employment as machinist. Since 1877 he has been employed by Greenlee Bros. &



ERIC GUSTAF STRÖM

Co., manufacturers of special woodworking machines.

Mr. Ström was married in 1874, to Miss M. C. Nylander, with whom he has three daughters. The family lives at 10130 Butler st. Mr. Ström belongs to the United Workmen.

JOHN GÖSTA BERGQUIST was born in Vermland, Sweden, on the 18th day of May, 1869,



JOHN GÖSTA BERGQUIST

came to the United States in 1888 and has since lived in Chicago. He has a good education obtained at various schools, but is not a graduate of any institution. Mr. Bergquist is superintendent of the cement department of the Illinois Steel Co. He is a member of the Union Club, Western Society of Engineers, and Scandinavian Technical Society.

CARL F. ANDERSON was born in Småland, Sweden, Jan. 17, 1866. When he was 3 years old his parents moved to the city of Halmstad, where he acquired a fair education and learned the machinist's trade. At the age of twenty he emigrated to the United States. He was without friends or money but soon secured work with a railroad company in whose employ he advanced to the position of locomotive engineer. This, however, was not the goal of his ambition. Seeing a greater opportunity in his former occupation, he secured employment with the Dexter Folder Co., of New York, as machinist. Here he advanced to foreman and finally superintendent and a member of the firm. The Dexter Folder Co. manufactures paper folders and paper feeders. This position determined Mr. Anderson's future field. In 1896 he started a machine shop in Chicago and is now sole owner of C. F. Anderson & Co's Machine Works, at 394-398 S. Clark st. He has invented several machines



CARL F. ANDERSON

for printers' and bookbinders' use which are manufactured at this plant. Among them are the well known Anderson bundling presses for bundling and smashing folded sheets, collated books, pamphlets, etc., and the Anderson high-speed

folding machine which is capable of folding 6,000 sheets an hour, nearly double the capacity of any other folding machine on the market.

Mr. Anderson was married in 1890 to Miss Carrie Erickson, of Madrid, Iowa, with whom he has three children.

JOHN H. HOLMGREN

was born in Mariestad, Sweden, in 1858. He learned the shoe-



JOHN H. HOLMGREN

maker's trade in his native country and became master shoemaker. He left Sweden in 1881, coming to Chicago. Ten years later he started a boot and shoe store at 1738 N. Clark st., which he has been operating successfully ever since.

Mr. Holmgren in 1885 married Miss Minnie Svensson. They have had ten children, of whom six have died, two boys and two girls still surviving.

Mr. Holmgren is a member of the Three Links Lodge of the order of the Odd Fellows, the Royal League, and the Select Knights of America.

ALFRED HUGHMARK

was born in Frändefors parish, Dalsland, in Aug. 1867. He was



ALFRED HUGHMARK

orphaned at the age of two. For a year no permanent home could be found for the young boy until an old childless couple took pity on the waif and cared for him. At the age of ten he put a few articles of clothing and some school books in a pillow case and with this and 25 öre in money left the foster-parents to battle for existence. Passage was obtained on a steamer from Vänersborg to Göteborg, where employment was secured as errand boy in several places before an opportunity was offered for something more promising. All this time a small, dark, unfurnished room was rented back

of a grocery in exchange for services at night and material for one meal a day cooked over an oil lamp stove. Later he was apprenticed in the bookbinding trade where he was given the opportunity to attend night-school. Three nights a week were devoted to night-school and three to private language courses. Sundays he taught a club of six apprentices English, grammar and arithmetic, thus earning enough to pay for his own tuition. At the age of eighteen he became a journeyman, and, determined to better equip himself by an extended tour to foreign countries, he visited in turn Bergen, Helsingfors, Copenhagen, Hamburg and London, obtaining work with more or less difficulty in each place. From London he shipped for three years as a sailor and, although the full term was not served out, enough hardship was experienced to last him for a long time. He came to the United States through Mexico with the following assets: a pair of oilskins, an English shilling and abundance of courage. He went from the South to the West, thence to the East. In 1896 he was given a branch plant to manage in Frankfort, Ky., for the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, then made foreman of the bindery in Louisville, at their home plant. After a year he was engaged by the Weed-Parsons Co. in Albany, N. Y. Since 1899 he has been with the Henry O. Shepard Co., at first as foreman of the binding department and now as superintendent of the printing and binding departments. Mr. Hughmark contributes articles to the *American Paper Journal*, *Southern Magazine* and the *Inland Printer*, and is editor of the American section of "Deutsches Ingenieurs Gesellschafts Lexicon." He has been in the Illinois Corps of Engineers, I. N. G., and in the U. S. Revenue Service and is a member of the Hamilton Club, St. Bernard Commandery, Knights Templars (32 degree) Scottish Rite Masons, Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, and Royal League. Mr. Hughmark was married Oct. 30, 1897, to Miss Helen M. Albaugh, born June 14, 1870, a daughter of Capt. Geo. C. and Ella McKay Albaugh of Louisville, Kentucky.

ALBERT SCHONBECK

was born Feb. 27, 1857. His parents were John M. and Johanna



ALBERT SCHONBECK

B. Schonbeck. He early became interested in the real estate busi-

ness. It was in 1873, when he was only 16 years of age that he first came in contact with the vocation that was to become his life work. Since then he has steadily continued in that line with varying experiences and a great measure of success. The knowledge and experience thus acquired later came to be of great value to him when he was chosen member, and then president, of the Board of Local Improvements of the city of Chicago.

Mr. Schonbeck is married since Aug. 27, 1877, to Miss Mollie Thieleman Fitz-Patrick, who is a grandchild of Col. Christian Thieleman of the 16th Illinois Cavalry. They have two children, Lloyd and Florence Olivia.

ANDREW LANDGREN

was born Jan. 7, 1864, in Landa, Sweden. After having been educated in his native district he left the old country at the age of sixteen, coming to the United States in 1880. Chicago was his destination and here he was variously occupied up to 1886 when he secured employment in the Braun and Fitts butterine factory. For the last thirteen years he has been assistant superintendent in the factory. He is now secretary of the Geo. P. Braun Co.

Mr. Landgren has been a member of the board of trustees of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church and later was elected to a similar office in the Messiah English Lutheran Church.

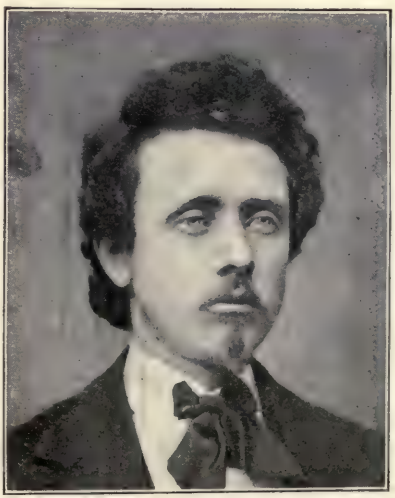
Mr. Landgren was married on Jan. 24, 1884, to Clara A. Larson of Chicago. They are blessed with three sons and three daughters.



ANDREW LANDGREN

CHARLES AXELL

was born in Kyrkefalla parish, Kåkind, Vestergötland, Sweden, Nov. 27, 1850. He emigrated to this country in 1870. Since that



CHARLES AXELL

time he has followed the painter's trade. Mr. Axell contracts for work in Chicago and its northern suburbs. His shop is in Chicago. He resides in Winnetka, Illinois. Mrs. Axell, née Mathilda Jonson, was born in Bexheda parish, Småland, Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Axell have had eight children, of whom four sons are still living. They are Charles O., John Erik, Alexander H. and Harry B. Axell.

ALBERT OLIVER

was born June 10, 1875, near Göteborg. His parents moved to



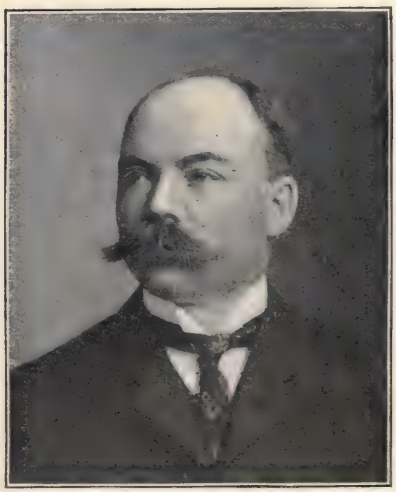
ALBERT OLIVER

the metropolis when he was five years old and he received his early education in the public schools. After having studied drawing in the Chalmers Technical School, he emigrated in 1890. He first settled in Rockford and later in Chicago. The young man completed a general course in the evening high schools and also took a special course in drawing with the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa. Mr. Oliver learned the cabinetmaker's trade and became foreman in Aug. Jahn's establishment. In 1901 he went in business with Ernst Lindstrom. They make store and office fixtures and special cabinet work. Their shops are at 192-200 N. Union st.

Mr. Oliver is a Lutheran and is a member of the Odd Fellows and the I. O. T.

NILS REIHMER

was born in Efveröd, Skåne, Sweden, Nov. 23, 1861. He emigrated to America at the age of nineteen years, and afterwards traveled extensively as a journeyman tailor, visiting the principal cities of the United States. About twenty years ago he began work as cutter and has been engaged in that line



NILS REIHMER

by leading merchant tailors of Chicago.

Mr. Reihmer was married in 1891 to Miss Matilda Johnson, with whom he has two sons.

The family lives at 1184 W. North ave.

GUSTAF RUDELIUS

was born in Lund, Skåne, Sweden, in 1861. He early learned the



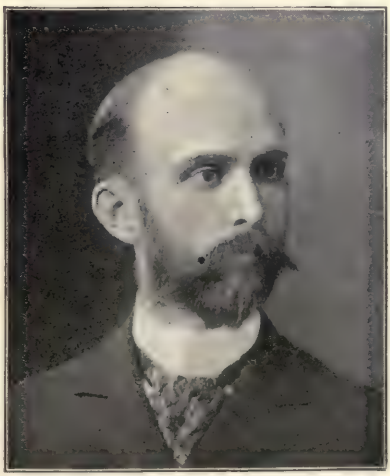
GUSTAF RUDELIUS

trade of cutler and grinder under the guidance of his father, who is a manufacturer of cutlery and surgical instruments in Lund. In 1881 young Rudelius went to America and settled in Chicago, where he worked as grinder for about three years. In 1883 he established himself in the retail cutlery and grinding business at 172–174 South Clark st. Meeting with business success, he has accumulated considerable property, and owns a cozy residence at 935 Perry ave., Lake View, where he lives.

Mr. Rudelius in 1887 married Miss Axeline Ackerman, and their union has been blessed with one daughter.

SAMUEL OLOF OLIN

was born in Chicago Aug. 24, 1867. He was educated in the public schools, and after graduating from the Franklin School in 1883, he entered the employ of Peterson & Bay, bankers. In 1895, when the banking business of Peterson & Bay was incorporated as the Western State Bank, he became assistant cashier. Mr. Olin held this position until Feb. 15, 1901, when he severed his connection with the bank and engaged in the real estate and mortgage loan business. On Sept. 15, 1905, Mr. Charles H. Brattstrom became associated with him in the real estate and loan business under the firm name of Brattstrom & Olin, which is the present name af the firm.



SAMUEL OLOF OLIN

Mr. Olin was united in marriage Jan. 28, 1891, to May I. Irwin,

of Chicago. To them were born Irene Balfour in 1892, Irwin Blaine in 1895, and Gertrude May in 1902.

The family resides at 1473 N. Francisco ave., and attends the Episcopal Church of the Advent. Mr. Olin is treasurer of the church.

Mr. Olin is the son of Sven O. Olin, who is one of Chicago's oldest Swedish settlers, having come here in 1857. Mr. Olin, senior, was a tailor, and for many years took an active part in public affairs in the Swedish colony on the north side. He retired from business several years ago. His wife, Anne S., née Jacobsen, died Feb. 23, 1906.

CHARLES T. A. ANDERSON

was born near Kalmar, Sweden, Jan. 4, 1872. His father, Carl



CHARLES T. A. ANDERSON

Olof Anderson, who was a tailor by trade, embarked for America, with his wife and five children, in 1875, and settled in Chicago, where he died April 30, 1877. His mother, Matilda Sophia, née Svenson, is still living. Like the other children, Charles was early obliged to earn his own bread, but his education was not neglected. He attended the public schools, and also the Swedish parochial school. He attended the the Y. M. C. A. evening school and the Soper School of Oratory and Elocution. In 1884 he entered the employ of Marshall Field & Co. In 1889 he was engaged by Dunlap Smith & Co., real estate, and in 1898 branched out for himself in the same business, in which he has been successfully engaged ever since. His office is at 167 Dearborn st.

Mr. Anderson has always been very active in religious, social and political movements. For eight years he has been deacon and financial secretary of the Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church. He is treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Lutheran Chicago Synod, and has been a delegate to the annual conventions of the General Council of the Lutheran Church and of the Luther League of America and of Illinois, in which he has held important offices and is at present president of the Luther League of Illinois. He is also one of the trustees of the Chicago Synod.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the Columbian Knights, and the Fraternal Tribunes, in which organizations he has been honored with responsible offices. He is now

chairman of the finance committee of the Grand Lodge of the Order of Columbian Knights and Past President of Pinzon Lodge No. 1 of that order, and secretary of the Fraternal Tribunes No. 18.

Some years ago he organized the Northwestern Improvement Club of the 27th and 28th wards, and served as its secretary for three years. He is now secretary of the Republican club of the 21st precinct, 26th ward.

In 1897 Mr. Anderson married Miss Clara Kaehler, daughter of the Rev. F. C. Kaehler, formerly pastor of the Wicker Park Lutheran Church, and their union has been blessed with one daughter and two sons.

ADOLF F. ANDERSON

was born in Skaraborg län, Sweden, Nov. 5, 1867. He was reared



ADOLF F. ANDERSON

in his native place whose schools he attended. In 1887, at the age of twenty, he emigrated to this country and settled in Chicago where he has resided continuously. Mr. Anderson is a manufacturer of builders' iron material, at 5844 Loomis st. His home is at 5946 Carpenter st.

He belongs to the Baptist Church and is a trustee and Sunday school superintendent.

ANTON WILHELM JOHANSON,

jeweler and watchmaker, was born at Tumba, in Grödinge parish,



ANTON WILHELM JOHANSON

near Stockholm, March 5, 1861. After having attended the public school he learned the watchmaker's trade from F. W. Tornberg, in Stockholm. During this period he also studied at the Sloyd School in the Swedish capital. On becoming a journeyman in his trade he emigrated to America in May, 1882, and worked for several

months at his trade in Jersey City. Leaving for Chicago, he obtained a place with C. D. Peacock, where he remained for one and a half years. His reputation as a fine mechanic being well established by this time, he was offered a position as foreman in a watch factory at Baraboo, Wis. This position he retained until 1886, when he returned to Chicago, where he was for five years head watchmaker for C. H. Knights and Co. We next find him affiliated with the wholesale firm of M. S. Fleishman and Co. In 1895 Mr. Johanson opened a retail jewelry store at 270 Wells st. where he has, by intelligence and fair dealing, built up a splendid business.

Mr. Johanson is a member of the American Horological Society and has been its vice president. He was in 1892 appointed a judge of awards, being the only Swedish-American called to this position. The presidency of the Swedish Watchmaker's Society of Chicago has twice been conferred on Mr. Johanson. He belongs to Lodge No. 1, I.O. S., Knights of the Maccabees, and has been president of the Linné Club, a Swedish social organization. Mr. Johanson in 1889 was married to Miss Ebba Wedin, from Motala, Sweden.

JOHN AUGUST CARLSTEIN, physician and surgeon, was born in Vestergötland, Sweden, Dec. 26, 1842. His father was Anders Carlstein, a landed proprietor, who died in 1862. His mother, née Eva Toll, died in 1884. Having attended the Skara collegiate school, he took a course in medi-



JOHN AUGUST CARLSTEIN

cine and another in military science. Mr. Carlstein enlisted in the Danish war of 1864, as a non-commissioned officer, and earned honorable promotion, but left for America shortly after, enlisting at once in the Union army. Under General Phil. Sheridan he fought through the Shenandoah campaign. Wounded in the leg, he was honorably discharged from the service Sept. 4, 1865, and pensioned by the government. In a casual meeting with Gen. Sheridan, while he was stationed in Chicago in 1878, the general said to him: "I know your voice. Your name is Johnnie. You delivered dispatches to me in the battle of Five Forks." This was the beginning of a personal acquaintance and associations which lasted as long as the famous cavalry general remained in Chicago. In 1867 and subsequent

years Mr. Carlstein traveled extensively in the South and the middle West. In 1882 he graduated from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College. From then until 1889 he served as surgeon for the Pine Lake Iron Co. and also government surgeon at Port Charlevoix, Mich. Dr. Carlstein then removed to Chicago, engaging in the general practice of medicine. When the German-American Medical College of Chicago was organized in 1893, Dr. Carlstein was elected professor of surgery and president of the college. This position he retained for four years. Smitten with the Alaska fever, he resigned in 1897 and left for Alaska as surgeon of the Yukon Valley Prospecting and Mining Co. He traveled overland by way of Edmonton through the Northwest Territory —an adventurous trip of about 3,000 miles. Dr. Carlstein returned to Chicago in Sept., 1900, and resumed his medical practice here. His office and residence is at 1248 E. Ravenswood Park, Ravenswood.

Dr. Carlstein was married in Chicago Dec. 9, 1871, to Olivia Bergström. She is a daughter of J. Bergström of Sundsvall, Sweden, and was born Sept. 2, 1850.

Dr. Carlstein is a member of the Masonic order, National Union, Geo. H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., the Chicago Medical Society and the American Medical Society. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

NELS NELSON

was born in Villands Vånga, Skåne, Sweden, Aug. 8, 1862, and came to America in the fall of



NELS NELSON

1882. He secured a position as watchmaker with S. A. Dale, 86 N. Clark st., Chicago, and was later connected with the firm of Dale Bros., until March, 1894, when he started in business for himself, and is now located at 137 Oak st. A branch store has been established at 532 Wilson ave., Ravenswood.

Mr. Nelson takes considerable interest in fraternal organizations. He is a member of King Oscar Lodge, 855, A. F. and A. M., also of the First Swedish Lodge, 479, I. O. O. F., and No. 1 of the Independent Order of Svithiod. He is also a member of the Swedish Watchmakers' Society of Chicago, which he helped to organize in 1892.

Mr. Nelson in 1884 married Miss

Amanda C. Peterson, and they have one daughter, Alice, born Sept. 20, 1885.

N. HJALMAR HULTIN

was born Sept. 4, 1869, in Onsala, Halland, Sweden, the son of Peter Anton Hultin, a sailor, and



N. HJALMAR HULTIN

Anna Carolina Anderson. He emigrated with his parents in 1872 to the United States and received a common school education in Chicago. In this city he was engaged in the clothing trade as cutter for a number of years and then went into partnership with G. Segersten in the undertaking business, conducting it for eight years. Having dissolved the partnership, he engaged in the undertaking and livery business at 1663 N. Clark st. where his establishment is still located. Mr. Hultin served as supervisor of Lake View for two terms, 1897-98, having been elected on the Republican ticket. June 28, 1899, he was united in marriage to Ella, daughter of Enoch and Mina Nelson.

JOHN EMANUEL SPANN

was born in Vingåker, Södermanland, Sweden, March 26, 1869. He emigrated to America in 1888, locating in Kansas City. In 1893 he moved to Chicago where he engaged in the tailoring business as a member of the firm of MacDonald & Spann. He subsequently established the firm of John E. Spann. Mr. Spann, has devoted much of his time to music and has been leader of the choir in First Swedish Baptist Church for many years. He is the director of the Swedish Baptist Jubilee



JOHN EMANUEL SPANN

Chorus and has on many occasions been the leader of large mixed choruses.

Mr. Spann was married to Miss Sigrid R. Anderson in 1900. They have a daughter, Laura Evelyn.

JOHN LUNDSTROM

was born April 11, 1860, in Ryssmo, Öland, Kalmar län, Sweden. He served in the Swedish navy



JOHN LUNDSTROM

from the time he was sixteen till he reached maturity. He landed in the United States May 2, 1882, and located in Chicago, where he now carries on the merchant tailoring business, with shop at 24–30 Hein place.

Mr. Lundstrom is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

In 1884 he was united in marriage to Mary Johanna Peterson, who was born Feb. 28, 1865, in Boda, Öggestorp parish, Småland, Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Lundstrom have one son and two daughters. They live in their own home at 1309 N. Mozart st. and are members of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church.

JOHN NELSON

was born Nov. 11, 1864, in Hallaryd, province of Småland, Sweden. He attended the "Fridhem" public high school in his native city in 1885-1886. Subsequently for two years he was a bookkeeper. He then was superintendent of a saw-mill until 1890 when he left Sweden. He came to Chicago where he has since resided except for a few months spent in Rockford, Ill. Mr. Nelson engaged in the metal plating business and in company with J. Roper he organized, in 1899, the Lake City Plating Works, located at 249 Wells st. Mr. Nelson belongs to Lodge



JOHN NELSON

No. 1., Independent Order of Vikings, in which he was recording secretary for three terms.

CHARLES E. TUNELIUS

was born in the city of Eskilstuna, Sweden, March 11, 1845. In 1851 he moved with his parents to the

province of Småland, and in 1856 to that of Östergötland. He learned the rudiments of the ma-



CHARLES E. TUNELIUS

chinist and steam engineering trades from his father, while the latter was chief engineer of the Åtvidaberg Copper Works. At the age of fifteen he left the parental roof to make his own living. He began by tending a steam engine, used to run ore crushing machinery. In the summer he traveled about the country running threshing machines. This continued for three years, except one summer, when he was sent to erect some mining machinery in Södermanland.

At the age of eighteen he obtained employment at Forsbacka Iron Works, in Gestrikland. Then he went to the Sandviken Steel Works and to Hofors and Kungsgården in the same province. He was there employed in various capacities, such as general machinist, roll turner and in erecting and running steamboat engines at Ljusne. In 1867 his father went to Chicago, where he was rejoined by the remainder of the family the year after.

With the exception of a year and a half spent in Canton, Ohio, Mr. Tunelius has since lived in Chicago. He was first employed as machinist in various shops. From 1877 until 1892 he was master mechanic with the National Malleable Casting Co. In 1892 he, in company with Mr. C. M. Hanson, started a machine shop in Chicago, which has since been in successful operation. He is also interested in other enterprises, such as the Chicago Machinery Manufacturing Co. and the Union Bank of Chicago. Mr. Tunelius' specialty is designing and building special and experimental machinery of every description. He has, during his busy career, invented several machines and appliances, some of which have been patented. Among these is the Tunelius automatic bottle washing machine, of which hundreds are in operation in breweries and bottling departments in the United States, Canada and several European and South American countries.

On Oct. 23, 1871, he married Miss E. M. Peterson, who is still his loving helpmate. Mr. and Mrs. Tunelius are the happy parents of two sons and a daughter, all grown.

Mr. Tunelius is a charter member of the Swedish Society Nordstjernan, an old member of the Royal Arcanum, also a member of the

Scandinavian Technical Society, and the Swedish Glee Club. He is a 32d degree Freemason.

JOHN WILHELM HJERTSTRÖM,

the pastor of the Second Swedish Baptist Church of Chicago, was



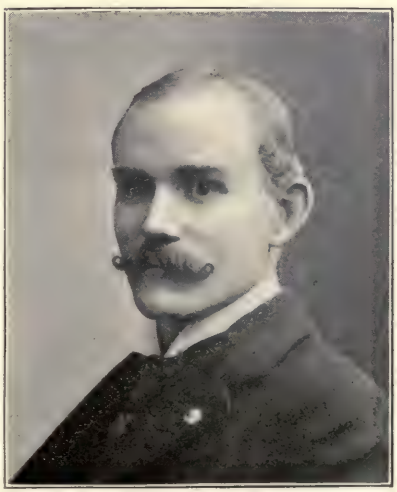
JOHN WILHELM HJERTSTRÖM

born in Stockholm, Sweden, Sept. 6, 1854. After graduating from the Bethel Seminary at Stockholm in 1881, he became pastor of a church at Westervik. Later he had charges in Nyköping and in Falun. In 1891 he emigrated to Worcester, Mass., and held the pastorate there for six years. Thereupon he accepted a call to the Fourth Swedish Church of Chicago, which he served for two years and a half. He then moved to Jamestown, N. Y., and took charge of the Swedish Baptist Church in that place until 1901, when he returned to Chicago, having been called to the Second Swedish Baptist Church of that city, with which he is still connected.

Mr. Hjertström has been married since 1882, his wife's maiden name being Cecilia Olivia Sjöstedt. They have nine children, Therese, Theodore, Amy, Ernest, Lizzie, Martin, Carrie, Lawrence and Roy.

F. OSCAR WEYDELL

was born in the city of Kalmar, Sweden, Nov. 5, 1863. When he was four years old, his parents moved to Ottenby, in the southern part of Öland, where his father was superintendent of a large farm. After graduating from the public school, the fourteen-year-old boy became interested in mechanical operations. He was especially encouraged by one of his father's friends, a young veterinary surgeon,



F. OSCAR WEYDELL

in whose laboratory and workshop he received a knowledge of the use of tools which later proved

of inestimable value. The opportunities for mechanical development, were, however, very limited in Ottenby, and since agricultural pursuits did not appeal to him, it became necessary to make plans for leaving the homestead. When he was sixteen years old he was seized with a desire to go to America. His father, who had intended to send him to a sloyd or technical school, reluctantly yielded, and in April, 1880, young Weydell started on his journey. A month later he came to Chicago and was employed as apprentice in a pattern shop. In the meantime he went to evening school and studied mechanical drawing. In his trade he made rapid progress, and within five years he was appointed foreman in one of the largest pattern shops in Chicago. This position was retained until 1897, when he established his own pattern shop at Clinton and Adams sts. He is conducting a successful business in foundry patterns, models, and in designing machinery.

At the age of 21 years Mr. Weydell was married to Anna Johnson of Chicago. The family residence is in Woodlawn, a pretty suburb of Chicago.

Mr. Weydell is a member of the Masonic fraternity and several other clubs and societies.

CHARLES G. HERST

was born in the city of Linköping, province of Östergötland, Sweden, Oct. 22, 1863. He received the education offered by the common school in his native place.



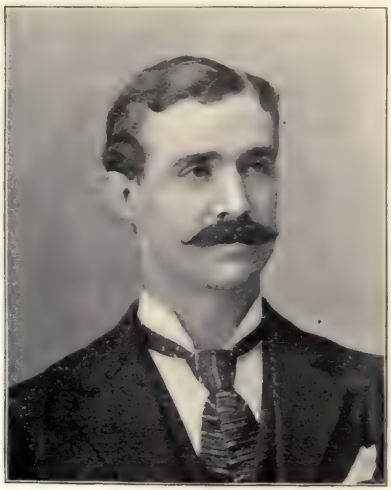
CHARLES G. HERST

He came to Chicago March 22, 1879, as a tailor. In 1886 he began his own business as manufacturing tailor at 144 Vedder st., and has since enjoyed a constantly growing trade. He belongs to the King Oscar Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows Lodge No. 479, and to the Svea Society. He is an adherent of the Swedish Lutheran Church. In 1887 Mr. Herst was married to Olivia Newman, of Chicago. To them have been born two children, Theodore and Arthur.

CLEMENS EHNBORN

was born April 1, 1870, in the city of Kristianstad, Sweden. In 1882 his parents emigrated with their family to America. At the age of fifteen, young Ehnborn began to learn the general woodworker's trade. In 1897 he, together with John Skow, established

the concern of C. Ehnborn & Co., now styled Ehnborn Wood Turning and Manufacturing Co. Their



CLEMENS EHNBORN

plant is situated at 19–21 N. Jefferson st., where wood turning, bandsawing and cabinet work is done. A specialty is made of automatic lathe work, such as rope and spiral turning.

Mr. Ehnborn is a student of social and economic problems and has embraced the doctrines of socialism. He is a member of the order of Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM A. BLOMGREN

was born in Chicago June 23, 1858. After finishing the public schools, he took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. Shortly after the Chicago fire he entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Co. He was a member of the Second Regiment, Illinois National Guards, from 1874 to 1876. Thereafter he joined the reorganized company of the Ellsworth Zouaves, and often traveled with this company, taking part in their prize and exhibition drills. The name of this company was afterwards changed to the Lackey Zouaves of Chicago, in honor of Captain Lackey. Mr. Blomgren remained with the company until 1880. In 1887 he entered the service of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Co., as a fireman, in which occupation he remained for a number of years, serving part of the time as engineer. During this period he lived chiefly in Elkhart, Ind., and Toledo, Ohio. In 1891 he returned



WILLIAM A. BLOMGREN

to Chicago and engaged in the photo-engraving business, forming a partnership with M. Lindblom for this purpose. Their place of business was then at the corner of Harrison and Dearborn sts. At present, Mr. Blomgren is at 726 Winona ave., engaged in the prep-

aration of stereopticon slides for illustrated lectures, and has among his customers some of the leading lecturers of the country.

Mr. Blomgren has held the office of Orator of Liberty Council of the Royal League. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum.

JOHN A. JOHNSON

was born Jan. 26, 1857, at Brunabo, Karl Gustaf parish, Vester-



JOHN A. JOHNSON

götland, Sweden. In May, 1881, he emigrated to America and lived for some time in Braddock, Pa. Later he came to Chicago, where he has since resided. Mr. Johnson here secured employment with a manufacturer of wooden tanks, and continued in this trade with various firms until October, 1893. In company with Adolph A. Carlson and Andrew Johnson, he embarked in the manufacture of tanks under the firm name of Johnson, Carlson & Co. A year later Andrew Johnson retired from business. The remaining associates continued under the name of Johnson & Carlson. By a thorough knowledge of their specialty they have attained success in their business. The firm makes cisterns, vats, and troughs of every description. They occupy their own factory at 139–155 Eastman st.

CARL S. N. HALLBERG,

an authority on pharmaceutical science in the United States, was born Oct. 13, 1856, in Helsingborg Sweden, on the Sound, directly opposite the Danish city of Helsingör, with its ancient fort, in which was laid the scene of the story of Hamlet. Accompanying his older sister to school one day to defend her against "some bad boys," he liked the experience so well as to begin school when four



CARL S. N. HALLBERG

years of age. Continuing in a private school until nine years old,

he was admitted to the Gymnasie, where he continued his studies until removing with his parents to America in the spring of 1869. Settling at Altoona, Pa., his father was employed in the locomotive works of the Pennsylvania Railroad. On his mother's side the family had long been reputed for skill in setting broken limbs, one member of each generation handing down the art to a member of each succeeding generation. In the old mansion a great silver urn occupied the post of honor on festive occasions, a tribute from King Carl XIV Johan, for services performed. The grandfather was the prototype of "the concentrated inhabitant," comprising within himself all the important offices in the village, fifteen miles from the city, including village schoolmaster, watchmaker, gunsmith, and healer, preparing all his own remedies, the chief of which were salves of every possible hue and composition.

It was during his boyhood days in Sweden, while visiting in the village during the summer vacation, that young Hallberg was fully initiated into the healing art by assisting his grandfather at the operation of blood-letting, it being his duty to stand beside the victim and catch the stream of "claret" in a tinned bowl, as it issued from the lancet's wound. The young men and lassies paid regular annual visits to "the master," to be relieved from the effete blood that had accumulated during the winter months, the only medical treatment they indulged in. The old gentleman used the ointments mostly on his own wounds, received in the war with Napoleon.

During the vacations, young Hallberg would also assist in his father's factory.

These experiences, as well as the fact that his father was a technical chemist, determined him to engage in pharmacy, and he was apprenticed to Dr. S. M. Sellers, of Altoona, early in February, 1870. After four years' service, and his family having returned to Sweden, he decided to attend a college of pharmacy. A traveling salesman was finally discovered, who knew there was a college of pharmacy in Philadelphia, had actually seen the building, and who furnished the address. Arriving in Philadelphia early in October, in 1874, Hallberg obtained a situation with the wholesale drug house of M. K. Smith & Co., and soon after with E. B. Garrigues & Co., where, under the direction of Edwin M. Boring, a most thorough training and valuable experience was afforded.

Mr. Hallberg left Philadelphia for Chicago in the spring of 1877, having remained in the city after graduating in March, 1876, from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

After two years of practice as clerk with C. F. Hartwig, of Chicago, he engaged in manufacturing pharmacy, associated with C. G. Wheeler. Retiring in 1885, he became associated with G. P. Engelhard in a postal system of in-

struction in pharmacy, of which institution he is the director.

During 1888 and 1889, Mr. Hallberg was associated with C. L. Feldkamp, in the practice of pharmacy in Chicago, the firm engaging in manufacturing pharmaceuticals, for which it was awarded the gold medal by the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1888.

First contributing to pharmaceutical journals in 1878, he became the editor of *The Druggist*, afterward *The Western Druggist*, in 1882, relinquishing editorial duties in 1890 to accept the position of professor of pharmacy in the Chicago College of Pharmacy, which he still retains. Active in pharmaceutical association work, he joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1879, the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association in 1881, serving as secretary in 1890–91, and he has been elected honorary member of a number of western State pharmaceutical associations.

A member of the committee on "National Formulary" since its formation in 1886, Mr. Hallberg contributed considerably to the first edition. A delegate to the meeting of the Pharmacopœial Convention, held in Washington in 1890, he was elected a member of the Committee on Revision, and worked on the sub-Committee on Pharmaceutical Preparations.

Mr. Hallberg has contributed a number of papers to the American Pharmaceutical Association, and has been secretary and chairman in 1892 of the Section of Scientific Papers. During the past few years he has been most active in the Section on Education and Legislation.

Prof. Hallberg is secretary of the Section of Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Therapeutics in the American Medical Association.

June 27, 1903, the honorary degree of M. D. was conferred upon Prof. Hallberg in recognition of his invaluable services to medicine and pharmacy.

Prof. Hallberg was married in 1893 to Therese Bergstrom, formerly a resident of Stockholm, a son being born in 1897.

EDWARD J. THELIN

was born in Chicago, June 24, 1873. His father, Louis E. Thelin, a mechanic, was among the first of the Swedish Baptists to come to Chicago. His mother's maiden name was Mathilda Thoren. The elder Thelin passed



EDWARD J. THELIN

away in Chicago Dec. 24, 1902. The son, Edward, attended the public schools, and subsequently graduated from the Midland University and the Chicago Law School.

Fifteen years ago he was made assistant cashier at Mandel Bros., and in recent years has attained to the position of chief cashier.

Mr. Thelin is a member of the Ashland, Sheridan, Illinois and Waupausch Clubs, and of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity. He has for several years been an active member of the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON

was born at Grand ave. and Elizabeth st., Chicago, May 6, 1859. He



WILLIAM F. ANDERSON

attended school until 1875, when he secured employment in a tea store. In 1883 he became manager of King's Tea Store on Grand avenue. Mr. Anderson learned his business so well, that in 1886 he was able to start in business for himself under the name of "The Anderson Tea Store."

In 1900 the business was incorporated as "The Anderson Tea Co." Since then it has expanded so as to comprise thirteen stores on the west side and three on the north side. The office and warehouse is located at 1020 West Madison st.

Mr. Anderson belongs to the Royal League, Tribe of Ben Hur, Modern Woodmen and the Fort Dearborn Club. He is a member of the Union Park Congregational Church. His home is at 209 Warren ave.

Mr. Andersons family includes Mrs. Anderson and two daughters.

JOHN AXEL AXBERG

was born Jan. 25, 1862, in Enåker parish, province of Vestman-



JOHN AXEL AXBERG

land, Sweden. During his younger

years he worked at the bench with his father, Anders G. Johnson, who was a shoemaker. His mother died in 1905 at the age of seventy-six. After working as journeyman in some of the largest shops in Sweden, the son started in business for himself, at the age of twenty-one. He thought there were greater opportunities to be found in America and in 1888 emigrated to this country, settling in Chicago. After a struggle of two years he was the proud possessor of a finely appointed shoe store. Later on, another store was established. He subsequently disposed of the first, and so owned one of the finest shoe stores on the south side, at 1217 E. 75th st. His last place of business was at 6956 Jackson Park ave.

Mr. Axberg belongs to the Court of Hercules, Independent Order of Foresters, the Baltic Lodge and the Odd Fellows. He was married Feb. 21, 1885 to Emma C. Hanson, born Sept. 17, 1862 in Wiksnäs, Dalarne. Five children have been born to them, viz., Elsa, Catherine, now dead, Edith Axelia, born Dec. 1, 1887, John Edwin, born April 9, 1892, Elfvera J. C., born June 22, 1898, and Milton G. A. born Feb. 13, 1906. Mr. Axberg has been treasurer of the Swedish Republican Club in the 34th ward.

GUSTAF H. CARLSON,

perhaps the most prominent surveyor in America of Swedish descent, was born in Malmö, Sweden, April 16, 1848. At the age of twelve he went to Germany, where he began to learn survey-



GUSTAF H. CARLSON

ing. Having returned to Sweden in 1869, he departed the following year for America where he settled in Kansas, remaining there until 1873, when he went to Chicago. From 1874 to 1877 he was engaged in Hyde Park, surveying the village and compiling an official atlas. The thoroughness and exactness of this work brought him at once into such prominence that the following year the Democratic nomination was tendered him unsolicited. Later Mr. Carlson compiled atlases of the city of Chicago, the city of Lake View, and the town of Lake. He had previously formed a partnership with Samuel S. Greeley, for the publication of these atlases, under the firm name of Greeley, Carlson & Company., which in 1887 was made a corporation,

under the firm name of the Greeley-Carlson Company. For ten years more Mr. Carlson continued as manager of the company, and all the work, including the planning of town sites, subdivisions and cemeteries, was done under his personal supervision. These atlases are regarded as authorities, and are used by the various departments of the city government of Chicago, and in the offices of attorneys and real estate men. The towns of Hegewisch, Pullman, Normal Park, Auburn Park, Chicago Heights and Edgewater are among those laid out by Mr. Carlson. He is frequently consulted as an eminent authority in cases of disputed boundaries in the city of Chicago, or where a high degree of accuracy is required, as in the location of the Leiter Building, the Auditorium, and other down-town buildings.

In 1898 Mr. Carlson sold his interest in the Greeley-Carlson Co., and opened an office of his own at 115 Dearborn St., where he is still located.

Nov. 8, 1878, Mr. Carlson was married to Miss Julie Vodoz, from Vevey, Switzerland, and they have two children, one son and one daughter.

In religion Mr. Carlson is a Christian Scientist. In politics he is a Democrat of the old school, having, however, voted for McKinley in 1896.

CARL A. JOHNSON,

a native of Illinois, was born in Bloomington, Sept. 3, 1875. He attended the city's public schools and later graduated from the Evergreen City Business Coll-



CARL A. JOHNSON

ege. For several years he was employed in the offices of the Chicago and Alton R. R. Co., in the car service department. He next was engaged for several years with various electric appliance firms in Chicago. In 1893 he was employed at the World's Fair. During the lull in business which followed, he entered the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, where he completed a three years' course. During the summer months he was employed in the New York Dental Parlors.

In the fall of 1896 he matriculated in the Dental College of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and graduated with honors in June, 1899, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

He at once embarked into practical dentistry at 59th and Mor-

gan St., Chicago, where he soon built up a lucrative practice.

In June, 1901, Dr. Johnson went to Europe, where he spent four months in study and travel. He also made a visit to his ancestral land, Sweden.

Dr. Johnson now has his offices at 59th and Halsted sts.

ANDERS G. LUND

was born on the 20th of July, 1857, in Vermland province, Sweden. He obtained a technical education from a private tutor and in the Tekniska skolan of Stockholm.



ANDERS G. LUND

He came to Chicago in April, 1882. Since 1892 he has conducted his own architect's office at 602 W. 63d st., Chicago. He has been successful in his profession and owns an apartment building at 6327–6329 Parnell ave. He recently removed to Palos Park, some twenty miles southwest of Chicago, where he has a comfortable home. He was married Sept. 16, 1890, to Ida Charlotte Lundgren from Helsingborg, Sweden, and is the father of three children — two girls and one boy.

CARL JOHAN NELSON,

Methodist clergyman, was born in Nättraby parish, Blekinge, Swe-



CARL JOHAN NELSON

den, July 24, 1866, and came to America in 1881. He was educated at the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary at Evanston, and after finishing his studies there, he became a minister of the Gospel in the Swedish M. E. Church. He has been pastor of the Swedish Methodist Church at Pullman, Chicago, since September, 1900. Before coming to Chicago he resided in Worcester, Mass., and Racine, Wis.

Mr. Nelson was married Sept. 3, 1891, to Miss Susie A. Johnson of Evanston, and has three children.

AUGUST CHRISTENSON,

who is perhaps the only Swedish wholesale clothing dealer in the United States, was born in Ousby,



AUGUST CHRISTENSON

Skåne, Sweden, April 5, 1864. He attended school in Lund for four years. At the age of fifteen years he came to America, having made the long journey alone. Settling in Chicago, he learned the cigarmaker's trade, but left that and tried the occupation of selling books. Being successful, he continued in that line for three years. Then he went to Denver and established a book store, but the climate did not agree with him so he returned to Chicago and engaged in the manufacture of clothing, having formed a partnership with J. B. Whitney and M. S. Bullock, under the firm name of Whitney, Christenson & Bullock. They are doing business throughout the western states, employing ten salesmen and over 150 people in their factory.

Mr. Christenson, who was married in 1893, has an only son.

CHARLES ENGDAHL

was born Oct. 23, 1874, in the city of Oskarshamn, Sweden. After completing the grades of the grammar school at home he attended the Oskarshamn elementary, or collegiate school, for four years. In 1893 he came to the United States and lived the first year in Geneva, Ill. Mr. Engdahl then removed to Chicago, and became a bookbinder. In Oct., 1898, he formed together with Ernst Holmgren the firm of Holmgren and Engdahl, their bindery being at 305 Orleans st. After two years they moved to 254-256 Orleans



CHARLES ENGDAHL

st. In 1907 the growth of their business compelled them to move to their present extensive quarters at 14-28 Michigan st. At the

same time the firm was incorporated as the Holmgren, Engdahl and Johnson Co., Mr. Engdahl being chosen secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Engdahl is a steward in the First Swedish M. E. Church and was president of the Epworth League Society of this church for a number of years. He is a director of the Swedish Methodist Aid Association of Chicago.

JOHN P. SANDBERG

one of the leading Swedish-American manufacturers of Chicago,



JOHN P. SANDBERG

was born in Ysane, Blekinge, Sweden, Nov. 15, 1842, and emigrated to America in 1867. Coming directly to Chicago, he worked in different lines until he joined his brother in business, becoming a member of the firm, Sandberg & Co., which is engaged in the manufacture of engravers' woods. He was married in 1878, to Miss Nellie Johnson, with whom he has three children, one son and two daughters. In local politics Mr. Sandberg is independent, but in national matters he is a strong adherent of the Grand Old Party.

LUDWIG WAHLQUIST

was born Nov. 19, 1865, in Söndrum, Halland, Sweden. He ob-



LUDWIG WAHLQUIST

tained his education in the Swedish public schools and later he worked as a miller until he went to the United States in 1888. His destination was Chicago, where he did miscellaneous work for several years. In 1893 Mr. Wahlquist obtained a situation in a grill factory where he continued for a year. In company with E. Larson he subsequently established the Grand Union Grill Works. The business, at first small, has increased steadily and reached respectable dimensions.

Mr. Wahlquist is married to Alma Christina Johnson, who

was born in Asige, Halland. They belong to the Gethsemane Swedish Lutheran Church. Mr. Wahlquist is a member of the Independent Order of Svithiod.

ANDREW M. LUNDEEN

was born December 13, 1862, in Leksand, Dalarne, Sweden. His



ANDREW M. LUNDEEN

parents, E. P. and Anna Lundeen, are both natives of the parish of Leksand. The family left the old homestead and arrived in this country Sept. 15, 1871, settling in Lockport, Ill., where they still live.

Andrew is the second oldest of seven children, three of whom are still living. He attended the public schools of Lockport and later was employed by the Chicago and Alton R. R. Co. Since 1889, Mr. Lundeen has been operating in Chicago in real estate and lands. At present he is engaged in the sale of farm lands in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada, and in the western states, doing a general farm land business. His office is at the Union Stock Yards.

Mr. Lundeen is a Republican and belongs to the Lutheran Church.

CHARLES F. SWANSON

was born in Gällaryd, Småland, Sweden, July 12, 1864. After attending the public school in his native village he emigrated in 1881 to the United States. For the last sixteen years Mr. Swanson has conducted a grocery and a meat market, located at 352-354 E. Division st.

Mr. Swanson is married to Annie Peterson from Motala, Sweden. They have two children, Charles



CHARLES F. SWANSON

Raymond and Laura Amelia. The members of the family belong to Moody's Church.

CHARLES W. LUNDBLAD

was born in the island of Gotland, Sweden, July 27, 1844. He was brought to this country as a



CHARLES W. LUNDBLAD

child by his parents who came over in 1848, being among the very earliest Swedish settlers. The family first settled in Quincy, Ill., living there for two years. His father succumbing to the cholera, his mother with the two sons, removed to Chicago in 1850. Here Charles obtained a common school education, attending the Franklin School.

For more than forty years he has been employed by the Chicago and Northwestern R. R., the greater part of the time in the capacity of locomotive engineer. In 1893 Mr. Lundblad lowered the time record on the Chicago-Milwaukee run from two and a quarter hours to two hours. Mr. Lundblad is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

ERNEST W. LINDEEN

was born July 5, 1861, in Jemshög parish, Blekinge, Sweden. His parents were Swan P. and Johanna Lindeen. Mr. Lindeen, Sr., was a tailor, who in 1868 emigrated with his family to America and died in Chicago in 1882. Ernest obtained his early education in the Chicago public schools. He subsequently worked in meat markets, learning the ins and outs of the business, and in 1877 opened his own store. By Mayor Swift Mr. Lindeen was appointed meat inspector in the city of Chicago and served for two and a half years. He is now a member of the firm of Leengran & Lindeen, who conduct meat markets at 195 Sedgwick st. and 152 Townsend st.



ERNEST W. LINDEEN

In 1886 Mr. Lindeen was married to Hannah C. Nelson, in Chicago. Mrs. Lindeen was born June 13, 1860, at Högsby, Småland, Sweden, her parents being

John and Gustava Nelson. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindeen, namely, Arthur W., born July 8, 1888, died Oct. 7, 1903; Raymond E., born March 6, 1890; Evelyn M., born Jan. 27, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Lindeen belong to the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church. They have both taught classes in the Sunday school for many years.

JOHN BRUNNER

was born near Warberg, Sweden. He graduated from the civil en-



JOHN BRUNNER

gineering course of the Royal Institute of Technology at Stockholm in 1887. In Sweden he served in the engineering corps of the state railway construction department 1887–88, and came to America in the latter year. Here he was engaged as assistant engineer in the bridge department of the Boston and Maine Railway 1888–90; chief engineer of the Mt. Vernon Bridge Co. of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1890–95; assistant chief engineer of the structural department of the Carnegie Steel Co., Pittsburg, Pa., 1895–96; city bridge engineer in Pittsburg, Pa., 1896–99; city engineer of Pittsburg, Pa., 1899–1902. He has held the position of assistant general superintendent of the North Works of the Illinois Steel Co. since 1902.

Mr. Brunner is a member of the following societies and clubs: the American Society of Civil Engineers, New York; the American Society for Testing Materials, Philadelphia; the International Association for Testing Materials; the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association, Chicago; the Western Society of Engineers, Chicago; the Scandinavian Technical Society, Chicago; the Union League Club, Chicago; the Chicago Engineers' Club, Chicago; the Evanston Club, Evanston. He is also a Free Mason and Knight Templar.

In 1892 he married Miss Cora A. I. Mitchell of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, who is American born of English-Scotch descent. They have no children. They live at Evanston, Ill.

WALDEMAR WERNER WICHE

was born May 20, 1875, in Stockholm, where his father, Fredrick Wiche, was a merchant. His mother, who died in 1887, was Fredrique Ebert. The son was educated at the academic school of Ladugårdslandet and the col-

legiate school of Östermalm, in his native city. In the three successive years spent at the latter



WALDEMAR WERNER WICHE

institution he took the highest standing, also capturing several prizes for scholarship.

In 1889 Mr. Wiche with his son left for the United States, locating in Chicago. Here the latter immediately secured employment in the printing trade, working for Magnus A. Hess, as apprentice, for the Schubel Printing Co. and the Regan Printing Co., until 1896, for Donahue and Henneberry, as a job printer, and for Baker-Vawter Co., as job compositor, a year at each place. In 1898 he started a printing shop at 392 E. North ave., under the firm name of Behrend & Wiche. Two years later the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Wiche became sole owner of the business, which he continues at the same address.

Mr. Wiche is a member of the Unity Council No. 73, Royal League, also of Lessing Lodge No. 174, Order of Mutual Protection. He was confirmed at the Trinity Swedish Lutheran Church of Lake View.

EMANUEL SCHMIDT

was born in Hudiksvall, Sweden, April 28, 1868. He was educated at the Hudiksvall Gymnasium, where he studied from 1879 to 1886. He came to America in the latter year and in 1888 entered Colgate Academy, from which he graduated in 1890. He then entered Colgate University, where he graduated with honors in 1894, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He



EMANUEL SCHMIDT

next took a divinity course at the Hamilton Theological Seminary. In 1896 he entered the University of Chicago, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in in 1898, and that of Doctor of Philosophy in 1902.

As a student Schmidt took high rank. At the Colgate University he was awarded the second Dodge Entrance Prize, the Sophomore Latin Prize, the Junior Greek Prize and the Osborn Mathematics Prize. At the University of Chicago he held the fellowship in Semitic languages for two years. His scholarly attainments are further exemplified in the following published works: "The Temple of Solomon in the Light of Other Oriental Temples" (his doctor's thesis); "Svenska Baptister på 1700-talet", and "Guds och människans andel i världens evangelisering."

Dr. Schmidt belongs to the Greek fraternities, Alpha Phi, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Schmidt was for a time editor of *Hemmets Vän*, a literary monthly. In 1905 he accepted the presidency of Adelphia College, a Baptist institution just founded in Seattle, Wash., which office he still holds.

JOHN WILLIAM BELMONT

was born Dec. 14, 1863, in Jönköping, Sweden. His parents are Fredrick Gustav and Hedvig Belmont. The family emigrated in 1867, coming to Chicago and locating on the north side, Lake View being their home since 1882.

John attended the public schools, also a Swedish and a German school, ending by taking a course at the Chicago Athenaeum. He then obtained a situation with the Western Union Telegraph Co. and later worked in the freight department of the Baltimore and Ohio railway. In 1882 he became a compositor and started in the



JOHN WILLIAM BELMONT

printing business as a member of the firm of Belmont, Waddell & Co., at Clark and Monroe sts. In the latter part of that year he sold his interest and began work in the Chicago Times office. Subsequently he worked for some time in the Union Type Foundry. In 1885 he accepted a situation with the abstract firm of Haddock, Vallette and Rickcords, remaining with them for several years. In 1893 he was appointed bailiff by Sheriff Gilbert and two years later Sheriff Pease appointed him grand jury clerk. This post was filled by Mr. Belmont for three years whereupon he was appointed deputy circuit court clerk. He retained this position until November, 1902, when he was elected county commissioner. On Jan. 11, 1905, he was appointed Cook County

Agent. He was a delegate to the memorable state convention at Springfield in 1904 which was in session for two weeks.

Mr. Belmont was married May 17, 1899, to Miss Katherine Aiken of Chicago. She is the daughter of William and Margaret Roden Aiken, and was born April 20, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Belmont have a daughter, Ruth Wilhelmina, born March 9, 1900. The family resides at 811 Clifton ave. Mr. Belmont is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

NELS M. LORENTZ

was born April 29, 1859, in Gullarp, Ousby parish, Skåne, Sweden. He enjoyed no schooling in childhood. On Aug. 9, 1875, he set out for Segeberg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and became a journeyman in the art of carving ornaments from marble and alabaster. After three and one-half years he moved with his employer to Copenhagen. There he worked two and one-half years more with the same employer and then engaged in the business for himself. The raw alabaster was difficult to obtain. He therefore made trips to Hamburg, Germany, and to the island of Gotland, Sweden, looking up new sources of supply of alabaster and marble. He fashioned clock cases, jewel cases, vases, and many other kinds of ornamental goods and bric-a-brac. After six months the business had increased so as to require several workmen. But Mr. Lorentz, not being a Danish citizen, was restricted by the Danish labor laws from employing workmen. If he became a Danish citizen he would have to join the army. He therefore sold his business in 1882 and went to Chicago. He soon after obtained work in a lumber yard. His knowledge of German and Swedish was of great advantage and helped him to secure his next situation, one in a jelly and preserve manufactory. His next step was to work in a manufacturing tailor's shop where he remained four years and four months. For a period he worked for Butler Bros., on Adams St. On June 19, 1888, he purchased an interest in a general merchandise store at 67 E. Chicago Ave., the firm being styled Johnson and Lorentz. Two years thereafter he bought his partner's interest and conducted the store until the spring of 1907.



NELS M. LORENTZ

In June, 1907, Mr. Lorentz,

together with Mr. Davis, purchased the manufacturing tailor's business in which they both had formerly been employed. This enterprise was carried on at 18 Wendell st. under the name of Davis & Lorentz until 1907, when Mr. Lorentz retired from business.

Mr. Lorentz was married in Nov., 1895, to Hulda Olson, born April 28, 1875, in Karlstad, Vermland, Sweden. They have a son ten years old and a daughter seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Lorentz reside at 2468 Wayne ave., Edgewater.

ERIK ANDERSON

was born at Granby, Kumla parish, Örebro län, Sweden, May 3,



ERIK ANDERSON

1864. When he was four years old his mother died, and his father moved to another province, leaving his son to be brought up by his uncle on the Vesta estate, where he remained until 1882 when, at the age of eighteen years, he emigrated to America. Locating in Chicago, he learned the tailor's trade, and after seven years started in his own business. He has specialized in the manufacture of custom trousers, doing an extensive business in that line at 137 Gault court.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the Swedish M. E. Church, and has served as trustee of his congregation for over twelve years. He has also been Sunday school superintendent for a number of years.

In 1889 Mr. Anderson married Miss Matilda Svenson. The couple have had three children, two of whom, Esther Elvira and Paul Leonard, are still living.

FRED MALCOLM JOHNSON

pastor of the Swedish Ev. Luth. Mission Church at Orleans and Whiting sts., was born July 27, 1857, at Nyebro, Eksjö, Småland. His parents were John G. Johnson and Martha C. Stark.

His early training was obtained in the public school in Eksjö. He came to this country July 1, 1875, and lived at North Warren, Chandlers Valley, Sheffield and Tidioute, Pa., until 1877, when he became a divinity student at Ansgarius College, Knoxville, Ill., continuing his studies for the ministry until 1879. Mr. Johnson was ordained Oct. 7, 1884, at Jamestown, N.Y., and was installed as pastor of the Tabernacle Swedish Mission Church in Chicago the 15th of the same month. He

held this pastorate until April 15, 1887, when he left to assume charge of the Swedish Mission



FRED MALCOLM JOHNSON

Church in Rockford, Ill. Here he labored for over ten years. On Dec. 17, 1897, he became pastor of Bethany Mission Church, Garfield boulevard and Fifth ave., Chicago. This charge he resigned Oct. 17, 1902. Rev. Johnson was received as pastor of the Swedish Ev. Luth. Mission Church on Orleans and Whiting sts. January 1, 1904. This is the mother church of the Mission Friends in Chicago and the United States and is popularly called the North church, being located on the north side. It had 525 members in 1905 and the building and its property is valued at $30,000. The parsonage, worth $5,000, is at 10 Whiting st.

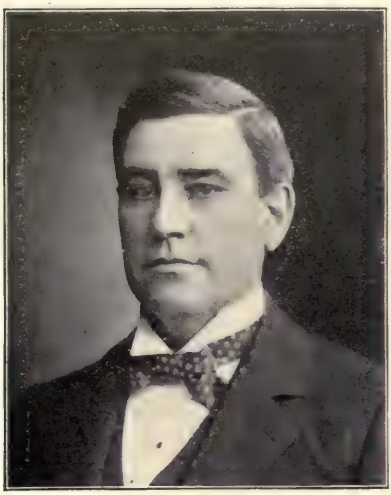
Rev. Johnson has traveled as itinerant preacher and evangelist not only in this country but in Sweden, where he labored in 1882 and in the summer of 1886. He is the author of a devotional work on the 23d Psalm of David and has written numerous articles for Swedish religious papers.

On Jan. 10, 1887, Rev. Mr. Johnson was married to Emelia Maria Nelson of Chicago. She is a daughter of Per Adolf and Gustava Nelson and was born May 16, 1858. They have four children: Hildur Paulina, born June 8, 1888; Emelia Natalia, born June 16, 1890; Fred Malcolm, born May 25, 1892, and Martha Elvira, born Sept. 24, 1895. Mr. Johnson, Sr., died in Rockford, April 15, 1897. Mrs. Johnson, Sr., died in Chicago Oct. 18, 1905. Rev. Johnson's two brothers, A. W. and G. K. Stark, are ministers in the Augustana Synod.

ERNEST BIHL

was born in Vermland, Sweden, near the city of Karlstad, at a place named Gunnerud, March 1, 1860. By unavoidable circumstances and the financial reverses of his father, he was compelled to earn his own living at a very early age. After completing his course in the common school he entered as an apprentice in the Karlstad Mechanical Works, where he worked until emigrating in the spring of 1879. He came to this country without a single acquaintance or relative, and stopped in northern Michigan, where he worked for a few months in the lumber camps. Realizing what a disadvantage it was to be unfamiliar with the English tongue,

he quit his work and went to school to acquire the language. After a year's stay in Michigan,



ERNEST BIHL

he went to Chicago, securing employment in the South Chicago Steel Works, where he continued until 1883. With the few savings of those years of hard labor, he went to western Nebraska, then a wilderness, bought land, and started in as a farmer and stockman, meeting with a fair success. He lived in Nebraska until 1890, the latter part of that year acting as land agent for the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Thereupon he returned to Chicago, continuing his agency for the railroad company and at the same time engaging in a general real estate business in this city. He still makes this his business, and has his office in the pretty suburb of West Pullman. In 1898 he was elected township tax collector for the town of Calumet and was reelected in 1899. In the spring of 1902 he was elected to represent the 33d ward in the Chicago city council.

He was in 1904 and again in 1906 reelected to the same office. Mr. Bihl is married and has five children.

ANDREW G. JOHNSON was born in 1849, at Örebro, Sweden. He came to this country and to Chicago in 1871. Having a taste for business, he entered the Bryant and Stratton Business College. His course completed, he embarked in the coal business, meeting with a degree of success that years ago enabled him to retire from active business.

Mr. Johnson's interests seem restricted to his own home and



ANDREW G. JOHNSON

immediate surroundings, he having affiliated with no church, no fraternal societies nor other organizations. He was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Arend on March 25, 1891.

WILLIAM A. PETERSON

was born in Småland, Sweden, Feb. 23, 1867. The following year the family emigrated to the United



WILLIAM AUGUST PETERSON

States and settled first at Swede Bend, shortly afterward locating in Lost Grove township, Webster co., Ia. After one year's study at the Ames High School, young Peterson entered Iowa State College at Ames, graduating in 1887 with the degree of B.S. He also attended Augustana and Bethany colleges, for brief periods. For five years Mr. Peterson was principal of schools in various towns.

In 1894 he entered the medical department of Iowa State University. After two years of study he matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of the University of Illinois, where the degree of M. D. was conferred upon him in 1897. Since then Dr. Peterson has practiced his profession with offices at 31st street and Wentworth ave., and in the Reliance Building, 100 State st. He specializes in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Peterson is Medical Director of the Scandia Life Insurance Co. and a member of the medical staff of the Englewood Hospital and of the People's Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society and the Cook County Medical Society. He is on the rolls of the Iduna Lodge, I. O. G. T., I. O. O. F., Modern Woodmen, I. O. V. and the Wasa Society. Dr. Peterson was married June 20, 1899, and is the father of two children. He is a member of Salem Swedish Lutheran Church.

JOHN A. NYE

was born at Rösa, Skede parish, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 27, 1855.



JOHN A. NYE

He came to the United States with his parents in 1867. The party landed on July 16, 1867,

and pushed on to their destination, the pioneer Swedish settlement at Andover, Illinois. His father is John Nye, a retired farmer at Cambridge, Ill., and his mother is Eva Danielson Nye. Mr. Nye lived for a time in Sherman county, Kansas, where he served as county treasurer. He is now general agent of the Union Pacific R. R. land department, with office in the Marquette Building. Mr. Nye has been with the Union Pacific R. R. for twenty-one years. He has been president of the largest Republican precinct club in Chicago and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Nye is married to Orpah Morley, daughter of William and Emelia Morley. Their children are John W., Edith E. and Harold O. Nye. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HERMAN G. NORDBERG,

president of the Swedish Singers' Union of Chicago, was born in Ystad, Sweden, Jan. 31, 1866. His father, Wilhelm Nordberg, a restaurateur, died at Ystad in 1883. His mother, Maria Christina Svenson, is still living.

Herman attended the public school, high school and business college. After leaving school he was a blacksmith for five years. In 1886 he left Sweden for this country, settling in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he secured work in a furniture factory. After two years he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and shortly afterwards to Kansas City, Mo. Since Sept., 1889, Mr. Nordberg has been a resident of Chicago with the exception of



HERMAN G. NORDBERG

six months spent in Rockford.

Mr. Nordberg worked for six years in furniture factories and was for three years foreman in H. Z. Mallen's furniture factory in Chicago. Mr. Nordberg then obtained a position in dry goods department of Marshall Field & Co's wholesale house and remained there four years. During the subsequent ten years he has been bookkeeper for Nilsson Brothers, plumbers, 1463 Belmont ave.

Mr. Nordberg is a member of the Swedish Glee Club; King Oscar Masonic Lodge; First Swedish Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Monitor Council, Royal Arcanum, being secretary for three years. Since the organization of the American Union of Swedish Singers in Nov., 1892, he has been a prominent member of that body. As a dele-

gate of the Lyran male chorus he has attended all the conventions and singing festivals of the Western division and of the united choruses of America. Mr. Nordberg was chosen festival secretary at the Jamestown convention in 1901 and served until the Chicago festival in 1905. He was elected secretary of the Chicago contingent of the choruses in 1901 and retained the office for six years. In January, 1907, Mr. Nordberg was elected president of the Swedish Singers' Union of Chicago, which was in 1906 incorporated as a distinct body.

Mr. Nordberg is married to Esther V. Holmquist, born Oct. 22, 1871. The date of marriage was Nov. 18, 1903. A son, Herman Gerald, was born in 1905.

CARL A. EVALD,

pastor of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, was born at Helleby, Nerikes Kil, Örebro län, Sweden, May 25, 1849. His parents were Anders Andersson and Christina Sjöqvist, farmer folk, who later removed to Wretaberg, in Grödinge parish, near Stockholm, where his mother died in 1878 and his father in 1887. After attending parochial school, the son was placed under a private tutor and when ten years old entered the Carolinian collegiate school in Örebro. During the seven and one-half years spent there, he served as tutor in well-to-do families and also pursued private studies with the view of fitting himself for the ministry. During the last years at the institution he enjoyed the Thysselius scholarship. At the early age of nineteen years Mr. Evald began to preach, and in 1871 accompanied Per A. Ahlberg, the well known evangelist, on an extensive missionary tour through Småland. During this trip his thought of entering the ministry ripened into a fixed purpose.

In the fall of 1871 young Evald emigrated to America, immediately entering the Augustana Theolog-



CARL A. EVALD

ical Seminary at Paxton, Ill. Completing his course the following year, he was ordained a Lutheran pastor at the annual meeting of the Augustana Synod at Galesburg, Sept. 29, 1872. At this time the institution had no collegiate courses, devoting itself exclusively to the education of ministers. Many years later, however, Mr. Evald completed the collegiate course at the same institution.

His first call was to the Aug-

ustana Church in Minneapolis, Minn., serving that congregation until 1875, when he accepted a call from the Immanuel Church of Chicago, whose pastor he has been been from April 4 of that year up to the present time. It is a peculiar fact that the Immanuel Church has, from the time of its organization in 1853, had but two pastors, viz., the venerable Dr. Erland Carlsson and his son-in-law, the present pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Evald has been secretary of the Minnesota Conference; secretary, vice-president and president of the Illinois Conference; member and secretary of the board of directors of Augustana Hospital in Chicago for the last twenty years, serving continuously on its executive committee and almost without interruption as its secretary; member of the board of directors of the Chicago Lutheran Seminary since many years back; member of the board of managers of the Chicago Bible Society for a long term of years; at various times president of his mission district and of the Swedish Lutheran Pastoral Association of Chicago; also vice-president and member of the executive committee of the Lutheran Ministers' Association of Chicago, and vice-president of the Chicago Lutheran Jewish Mission.

Dr. Evald—the title of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him years ago—has contributed largely to a number of church publications, besides having edited several publications. For a number of years editor of *Nåd och Sanning*, he continued as associate editor when that publication was merged with *Fosterlandet;* he also edited *Barnvännen*, a religious paper for children, is a contributor to *Tidskrift för Teologi och Kyrkliga Frågor*, *Augustana*, *Ungdoms-Vännen* and *Korsbaneret*, besides editing his local church paper, *Församlings-Vännen*.

Dr. Evald has the distinction of being the foremost pulpit orator in the Augustana Synod. His sermons, carefully prepared and finely delivered, are models of religious eloquence. He is also an able lecturer in two languages, having often appeared on the lecture platform in Chicago and elsewhere.

Dr. Evald has been twice married, Oct. 4, 1876, to Miss Annie Fredrique Carlsson, a daughter of Dr. Erland Carlson and his wife, Eva Charlotta Andersson, born in Chicago April 11, 1856. She died Nov. 27, 1880, in Stockholm; May 24, 1883, he was united in marriage to her sister, Emmy Christine Carlsson, born in Geneva, Ill., Sept. 18, 1857. In the second marriage there are two daughters, Annie Fidelia Christine, born March 13, 1884, and Frances Lillian Charlotta, born Dec. 2, 1885. The eldest daughter is the wife of Conrad Emanuel Hoffsten, pastor of the Harlem Swedish Lutheran Church in New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. Evald reside at 218 Sedgwick st., in the parsonage of the Immanuel Church.

FRANK A. ROSE,

a leading Swedish merchant tailor, was born Sept. 19, 1864, at Tranås, Sweden. He emigrated to this



FRANK A. ROSE

country in 1880, arriving May 15. He lived for a time in New York and later in Galesburg, Ill. From the latter place he removed to Chicago.

Here he conducts a merchant tailoring business on a large scale, his establishment being in the Railway Exchange Building, corner of Jackson and Michigan boulevards.

The home of the Rose family is a handsome residence at 2857 Kenmore ave., Edgewater.

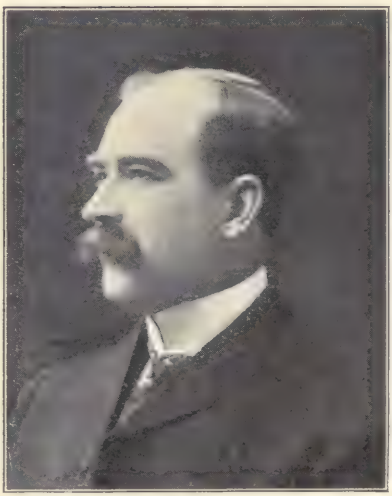
Mr. Rose is a member of the Marquette Club, the New Illinois Athletic Club, the Edgewater Country Chicago Association of Commerce, and is a 32d degree Mason.

FRANK A. SWANSON

was born Feb. 7, 1866, in Almundsryd, Småland, Sweden. He emigrated to America in May, 1891, and located in Chicago. Having pursued the building trade for about two years, he abandoned that occupation and engaged in the real estate, fire insurance and loan business, with office at 159 La Salle st. He is a director of Svea Building and Loan Association.

He is the originator of and is a director of Washington Park Hospital and vice-president of the National Mercantile Co. The Republican party has in him a strong adherent and active worker.

On March 3, 1900, Mr. Swanson was married to Hilda S. Peterson, born in Elmeboda, Småland,



FRANK A. SWANSON

Sweden. They have a daughter, Esther Hildegard, born April 25, 1903. The family resides at 7100 Drexel avenue, and belongs to the Gustaf Adolf Swedish Lutheran Church of whose council Mr. Swanson is a member.

FRITZ SCHOULTZ,

proprietor of the largest house in Chicago for the manufacture of theatrical costumes, was born of



FRITZ SCHOULTZ

Swedish-German parentage in Copenhagen Dec. 2, 1856. At the age of twenty he came to the United States. After obtaining his schooling in Stockholm, where he was raised, Mr. Schoultz worked at the typographer's trade in various Swedish printing offices in this country, including those of Engberg and Holmberg, *Scandia*, in Moline, Ill., and *Svenska Härolden*, published in Salina, Kansas, about 1880. He was for a number of years traveling agent for Swedish newspapers, such as *Folkets Röst*, of Omaha, and *Svenska Tribunen* and *Svenska Amerikanaren* of Chicago.

After marriage he engaged in the business of costumer, his wife being the proprietress of a small shop, furnishing amateur stage and masquerade costumes. By combined effort Mr. and Mrs. Schoultz rapidly increased the business, which is now one of the leading establishments of its kind, capable of furnishing the costumes for the most elaborate productions put on the stage. Mr. Schoultz has invested part of the earnings of the atelier in a palatial apartment house on Sheridan Road, in a fine residence district.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoultz both had training for the stage. Mrs. Schoultz, whose maiden name was Emilia Veth, was born in Milwaukee of German parents. She was for several years a member of the German Stock Company of actors in Chicago. Mr. Schoultz, while living in Stockholm, obtained dramatic training under Anders Selinder, the well-known ballet-master and theatrical manager.

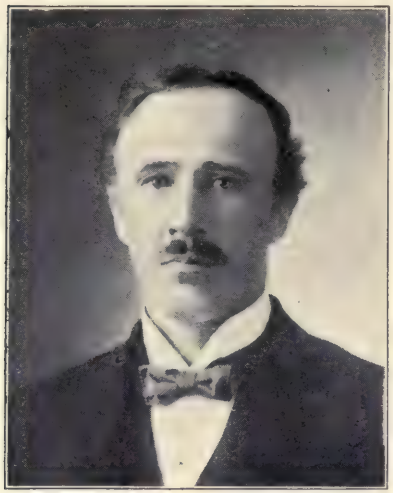
Two daughters, Emma and Isabella, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schoultz.

Mr. Schoultz is a member of the Germania Club, the Royal Arcanum, the Swedish Glee Club and the Svithiod Singing Club.

HANS E. HÄGGLUND

was born in Ambjörnarp parish, Elfsborg län, Sweden, Sept. 1, 1863. His parents, Solomon and Anna C. Petterson, worked a farm in Ambjörnarp. The son attended public school at home and college at Östersund. Later he was employed in the hardware business for several years in that city.

Since 1893 Mr. Hägglund has been a resident of Chicago, his first employment being that of a



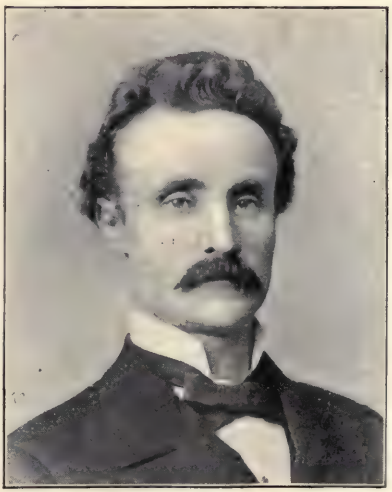
HANS E. HÄGGLUND

blacksmith. Next he worked on a farm. In 1895 Mr. Hägglund established himself in the grocery business at 169 Elm st., where he has a brisk trade. He is also importer of all kinds of the well-known Eskilstuna cutlery. Mr. Hägglund is a member of the Merchants' Association.

NELS NELSON,

manufacturer of white vests for the wholesale trade, is operating a plant at 55 Evanston ave., employing up to 180 workers and turning out more than 200,000 garments a year. Mr. Nelson hails from the Swedish province of Blekinge, where he was born Oct. 9, 1844, at Pukavik in Ysane parish. His father was a retired innkeeper, named Nels Mattson, and his mother's name was Ingrid Ericson. The family immigrated to this country in 1863 and both parents died in Chicago in 1876.

Having attended common school and also a so-called Rector's school, young Nelson went to sea at the age of fifteen. Later he entered the naval academy at Karlshamn, passing the examination for captain's mate at nineteen. Again going to sea, he advanced to able seaman, serving on board ship until twenty-two years of age, when he signed papers as captain's mate on the ship Norge, Captain Holst, of Laurvik. After sailing for two years, during which time he rounded North Cape, and visited the ports of the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, the West Indies



NELS NELSON

and Central America, he landed in New York in 1868 with a view to become an American resident. For about two years subsequently he sailed as vessel master on the Great Lakes, whereupon he embarked in

the business of manufacturing tailor in the city of Chicago in 1869.

Mr. Nelson was married in November, 1879, to Emma Lyberg, born in Karlshamn, Sweden, Nov. 5, 1844. In the family are three living children out of a total number of nine. These are Hilda Bernhardina, born in 1876, and married in 1905, to Robert McFarren; Victor Emanuel, born in 1874, and married in 1898, to Dorothy Wood, and Alice Elizabeth, born 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson reside at 2112 Central st., Evanston. They are members of the local Swedish M. E. church, where Mr. Nelson has served for many years in various capacities, as trustee, deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school.

CHARLES A. ANDERSON

was born in Agunnaryd parish, Småland, Sweden, March 27, 1854. He learned the tailor's trade in his native country. In 1879 he emigrated and came to Chicago, where he has since resided continually with the exception of two years spent in Springfield, Ill. In 1886 he established a merchant tailoring business which he has made a success. He has two stores: one at 887 North Clark st., corner of Center st., another at 1806 North Clark st. The business is conducted under the firm name of Charles Anderson & Son. In 1883 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Anna Peterson. They are the parents of five children, of whom three sons are living. One son, Frederic, is in partnership with his father. Mr. Anderson is a strong adherent of the Lutheran



CHARLES A. ANDERSON

faith and has been a trustee for many years of the Trinity Swedish Lutheran Church at Barry and Seminary avenues. The family reside in their own home at 2682 Evanston ave.

AUGUST G. ALMCRANTZ

was born in Södra Fogelås, Skaraborg län, Sweden, Aug. 21, 1864. His parents were Anders Gustaf and Fredrika Almcrantz. August attended school for several years.

In 1891 he emigrated and came to Chicago. After a few years' experience he engaged in the manufacture of guitars, mandolins and other musical instruments, at 6015 S. Halsted st. He makes a variety of high grade instruments, among them the "Orchestra Harp," his own invention. Other inventions of his are a detachable neck and

a detachable bridge for guitars, allowing the entire sounding-board



AUGUST GERHARD ALMCRANTZ

to vibrate, making the instrument more resonant.

Mr. Almcrantz is married to Cecilia Amalia, born Nov. 20, 1864, in Vestra Stenby parish, Östergötland. Her parents were Carl Fredrick and Caroline Amalia Stendahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Almcrantz have two children, Georgia Dorothea, born April 7, 1896, and Oscar Gerhard, born July 27, 1897.

AXEL E. SWENSON

was born at Hjertum, Bohuslän, Sweden, Sept. 6, 1865. For some years he attended private school in Göteborg. In 1882 he emigrated, settling in Chicago and embarking in business as building contractor and from that naturally drifted into the real estate business. He is also a member of the firm Swenson and Dahlquist, shoe dealers at 511 63rd st.

Nov. 20, 1893, Mr. Swenson was married to Miss Christina Stewart, born Nov. 17, 1872, in the Orkney Islands, her father being Alexander Nicholson, a Scotchman.

Their children are Caroline Elizabeth, Earl Alexander and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Swenson are mem-



AXEL E. SWENSON

bers of the North Shore Congregational Church.

ALFRED E. HOLMES

was born March 25, 1866, in Sköfde, Sweden. His father having died, the family emigrated in 1877 with Chicago as their destination. The next year they moved to De Kalb, Ill., and settled on a farm. The boy, Alfred, remained there until he was confirmed, when he decided to make his own career. He went to Chicago, where he served an apprenticeship as machinist and engineer with the

American Steam Engine Co., also taking studies in evening classes. In 1886, at the age of twenty,



ALFRED E. HOLMES

Mr. Holmes became chief engineer for the clothing house of Willoughby, Hill & Co. After two years he was appointed assistant engineer in the Chicago Fire Department. In February, 1888, Mr. Holmes resigned in order to become chief engineer of the Shufeldt Distilling Co., retaining this post until the works were closed by the trust a year later. He then accepted a position as chief engineer and superintendent of machinery and buildings for the Alexander H. Revell Co., and has been employed in this capacity for the past sixteen years. He has also acted as consulting engineer for some of the large office buildings in Chicago.

During the year 1904–1905 Mr. Holmes was secretary of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois, and 1904–06 secretary of the Chicago Society No. 1 of the National Association of Stationary Engineers. He is Past Worshipful Master of King Oscar Lodge A. F. and A. M., member of Medinah Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, and in 1906 was elected a life member of the Oriental Consistory, 32d degree, S. P. R. S.

Mr. Holmes was married Feb. 1, 1890, to Minnie G. Nelson of Chicago, who was born Nov. 22, 1865. They have two children, Florence G. and Walter H. They live at 1072 E. Carmen ave. and belong to the Ebenezer Swedish Lutheran Church.

JOHAN A. HESSELBOM,

watchmaker and jeweler, was born April 7, 1864, in Animskog parish,



JOHAN ALFRED HESSELBOM

Dalsland, Sweden. His parents were Erik Magnus and Johanna Christina Hesselbom. After studying three years in the Åmål high school he began, in 1879, to learn

the watchmaker's trade at Karlstad. In September, 1885, he obtained a diploma as master watchmaker, and at the same time received the highest award, a silver medal, from the Upsala Trades Society for constructing a complete clock. After having worked as foreman with a jewelry firm in Stockholm he emigrated in 1886 to America, with Chicago as his objective point. Here he at once found employment with one of the large jewelry houses. He has worked at the Peacock, the Spaulding and Giles Bros. establishments. In 1892 he became foreman at the latter house. Mr. Hesselbom bought the jewelry store at 103 Garfield boulevard in 1895 and has since carried on a successful business there. He is watch inspector for the Pennsylvania and the L. S. & M. S. railway companies. Mr. Hesselbom still has in his possession the clock which secured for him the silver medal mentioned. Another clock built by him is a three-wheel electric clock showing hours, minutes and seconds. It may be placed any distance from the regulator clock. Another fine instrument of Mr. Hesselbom's invention is a guage which measures to the hundredth part of a millimeter and which will show plainly the difference in thickness of the middle and the end of a hair.

Mr. Hesselbom was married Jan. 1, 1887, to Emma C. Hagelin, who was born April 7, 1862, in Sillingebyn, Vermland, Sweden. A son, Albert John, was born July 7, 1887, and a daughter, Emmy Alice Christina, on Feb. 14, 1896. Albert is his father's assistant. The mother died Jan. 29, 1901. Mr. Hesselbom was re-married in July, 1903, being united to Miss Elizabeth Larson.

The family belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hesselbom is a member of King Oscar Lodge of the Masonic order, John Ericsson Lodge of Odd Fellows, the North American Union and the Royal League.

JOHN WILLIAM OLSON

was born Feb. 10, 1867, in Visby, Sweden. At the age of two years,



JOHN WILLIAM OLSON

he was brought by his parents to America. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Porter, Ind., and Chicago. Subsequently he pursued studies in vocal music under private teachers, and in other subjects at a school of technology. Mr. Olson

is a cut stone contractor and has been in business some ten years, succeeding his father, who was engaged in the business for about eighteen years. The business was begun on a small scale with a few men, but has since attained proportions indicative of prosperity. The stone yards are at 3345 La Salle st.

Mr. Olson, who possesses a fine voice, was for many years a prominent member of the male chorus of the Swedish Glee Club. He has held the office of president in Armour Council, National Union, for four years.

Mr. Olson belongs to the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran Church in Englewood.

Jan. 4, 1901, he was married to Miss Mabel Bennett of New York. They have one child, Kathryn Maxine.

JOHN BERG

was born April 27, 1842, on a farm near the city of Kristianstad, Sweden. After obtaining an elementary education in the public school, he learned the carpenter's and cabinetmaker's trade. Having taken a course in a business college, he emigrated to the United States. Since 1869 he has resided in Chicago, being engaged in manufacturing. He is the senior member of the firm of John Berg & Bro. The firm manufactures step, extension and common ladders, and house furnishing woodenware. The factory is situated at Wentworth ave., 50th st. and Fifth ave.

Mr. Berg has been a member and trustee of the Swedish M. E. Church, and a member and an officer of several fraternal lodges,



JOHN BERG

also a member of the Englewood Men's Club. Mr. Berg is president of the Parkside Loan and Savings Association.

RAGNA LINNÉ

was born in Christiania, Norway, of Swedish-Norwegian parentage. On her father's side she is a descendant of Carl von Linné, the renowned Swedish botanist. Even at a tender age she manifested an exquisite vocal talent. At the early age of twelve years she served as vocalist in the Catholic cathedral of her native city. Later on she won fame by her singing in all the principal cities of Europe.

Coming to the United States in 1885, she located in New York. Pursuing her career as a singer, she appeared in concert in various parts of the country, and as church

soloist. Her greatest triumphs, however, she won as a member of the Metropolitan English Grand



RAGNA LINNE

Opera Company and the Castle Square Opera Company. After her removal to Chicago, Mme. Linné has been very active in the musical circles of the city, as teacher, concert singer and soloist on numerous public occasions. She has been engaged as soprano soloist at the Second Presbyterian Church, the Sinai Temple, and the South Congregational Church, all in Chicago. Mme. Linné is also much sought after as a singer at Swedish festivals.

For a number of years back she has been a member of the faculty of the American Conservatory of Music. On her tours of the states as a member of various concert and opera companies, Mme. Linné has sung in the principal cities of every state in the Union.

JOHN MELANGTON

was born Feb. 8, 1872, in Brunskog parish, Vermland province, Sweden. He attended the common school until his twelfth year, when he went to work as a tailor's helper. He came to Chicago in September, 1892. For a while he attended North Park College, but soon returned to his trade, meanwhile taking lessons in grading and designing in a school for tailors. By 1897 he had attained such skill as to warrant him in accepting a position as designer with the Edward Ely Co., tailors. Since 1902 Mr. Melangton has been a member of this firm, the oldest of its kind in



JOHN MELANGTON

Chicago, and well-known throughout the country.

Mr. Melangton was married in 1897 to Miss Christina Rollen from his native place. He belongs to the Swedish Mission Church and is a deacon in the congregation of

which he is a member. He has been president of the Young People's Society and of the church choir.

CARL OSCAR LUNDIN

was born Oct. 11, 1847, in Stockholm, Sweden. In 1868 he emi-



CARL OSCAR LUNDIN

grated to America and made Chicago his home.

Mr. Lundin is the son of a harbor master, Johan Lundin. He learned his trade as painter in his native city; in this country he worked for the Illinois Central R. R. Co. for many years. A desire for independence led him to begin business for himself in 1883 and at present he deals in stationery, books and music.

At twenty-eight years of age Mr. Lundin was married to Ida Maria Anderson, who was born in Stockholm, 1855, who came to Chicago with her parents in 1868. Four children were born to them but all are now dead.

Mr. Lundin is an Odd Fellow and a Forester, and has held the office of financial secretary and treasurer in the Balder Lodge.

EDWARD JOHNSON

was born in Sweden, June 30, 1864, at Persgärde, near Karlshamn. From 1885 on he has been a resident of Chicago, where he engaged in the baker's trade. For many years he was employed by the National Biscuit Co., having charge of various departments. When the bakers' strike began in 1903, he opened a bakery at 3607 N. Clark St. His business here has been steadily increasing in volume.

Mr. Johnson received a good education in the old country, attending the collegiate school at



EDWARD JOHNSON

Kristineberg. He is a capable and interested worker in Bethany Swed-

ish M. E. Church, he has been president of the Epworth League, secretary of the Mission Society and superintendent of the Sunday School home department. He has also developed some activity in politics, serving five years as secretary of his precinct Republican Club in the 26th ward and clerking for a time in the county treasurer's office during Sam B. Raymond's incumbency.

Mr. Johnson and Miss Nellie Christina Nelson were married April 24, 1901. Of three sons born to them, two, Edward Stanley and Garfield, survive. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Charles J. and Hannah Nelson of Chicago.

AXEL JONAS WALTER AF JOCHNICK

was born Oct. 25, 1859, in Karlberg Castle, Sweden. He was a



AXEL JONAS WALTER AF JOCHNICK

member of a noble family of German origin, the ancestors having immigrated to Sweden about 150 years ago.

At fifteen years of age he enlisted as a volunteer in the Svea Artillery. Two years later he graduated and at eighteen became a sub-officer, the youngest in the Swedish army. Resigning in 1880, he went to London to become instructor in the Kellberg Gymnastical Institute. After two years he went to Berlin and there established a similar institute, patronized, among others, by Prince Bismarck.

The New World, with its greater possibilities, next attracted the young and energetic man. Going to Chile, he served for a few years as instructor in gymnastics and fencing in the government military school, with a salary of $10,000 a year. From Chile he went to Uruguay and, after staying there for a short interval, located in Buenos Ayres. For five years he was instructor in gymnastics, anatomy and massage in that city, gaining great popularity among the native aristocracy as well as in the little Swedish colony there. Jochnick is said to have been conversant with no less than thirteen languages, besides having a fine knowledge of the sciences and of music. When war suddenly broke out in 1890, Jochnick enlisted and fought with heroism under his adopted country's flag. The cause being lost and the army vanquished, he fled to Brazil with his wife, Selma Jochnick, to whom he was married in the Argentine Republic. For a time he was in

the employ of the Brazilian government.

The Columbian Exposition attracted the couple to Chicago in 1893. Here they established an institute of gymnastics and massage, Mrs. Jochnick having also taken a thorough course in these sciences in Sweden.

When the Spanish-American War broke out, Jochnick was one of the first to offer his services to the government. He, together with other Swedish ex-officers, worked zealously to form a regiment of Swedish-Americans in Chicago. This was done, and Jochnick was appointed major, but before the regiment was ordered out for active service, the war closed.

In the early part of 1903 Mr. Jochnick's robust health was undermined by consumption and on March 27 of that year death put an end to his honorable and highly varied career.

Mrs. Jochnick continues the massage and gymnastical establishment instituted by her husband at 937 Edgewater place.

MARTIN LARSON,

orthopedic shoe manufacturer, was born April 8, 1867, at Löfvestad, Sweden, where his father, Lars Akeson, was a farmer. His mother, Elgena Nelson, died in 1874 and his father twenty years later. He came to this country in 1887, equipped with what education he had acquired in the common school. After stopping from May to November of that year in St. Paul, he came to Chicago, locating here permanently.

Mr. Larson is the inventor of a method for the extension or



MARTIN LARSON

correction of short or deformed nether limbs which conceals the defects by matching the limbs successfully with their perfect mates, an improvement on the old method of bulky cork soles, metal extensions, etc. His orthopedic shoe business also includes the making of custom shoes to fit slighter pedal inequalities common to many persons other than cripples. The shop is at 54 Fifth ave.

Mr. Larson was married March 3, 1898, to Ellen Lind, daughter of Sune J. Lind. They have two sons, Karl Oscar, born Jan. 15, 1904, and Ernest Hjalmar, born Nov. 29, 1906.

In 1901 Mr. Larson was elected deacon of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, of which he is a respected member.

ERNST HUGO BEHMER,

actor and organizer of the Swedish Theatrical Company of Chicago, was born in the parish of



ERNST HUGO BEHMER

Grödinge, in Södermanland, Sweden, June 30, 1872, the son of Erik Behmer, a merchant,and his wife Emilie Julia, née Hané, both deceased. His parents taking up their residence in Stockholm in 1875, he was reared and educated there, attending the Östermalm Elementary School and the North Latin School in Stockholm and being graduated from the latter in 1889. Two years later he emigrated, coming directly to Chicago. In November, 1893, he secured employment as shipping clerk with the house of Selz, Schwab and Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, remaining with them for eight years. Since then he has been with the American Radiator Co. and is now purchasing agent of that house. Sept. 19, 1896, he was married to Miss Fredrique Wilhelmine Lindström. Their children are, Lisa Hildegard, born Nov. 24, 1897, and Erik Hugo, born Oct. 23, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Behmer made a trip to Sweden in 1897, visiting the Stockholm Exposition.

Being possessed of dramatic talent, Mr. Behmer began to appear as a public entertainer and in 1893 became actively attached to the local Swedish-American stage. In 1899, he and Mr. Chr. Brusell entered into partnership and organized the Swedish Theatrical Company. During subsequent years a large number of Swedish plays have been given in Chicago theatres and halls, principally the North Side Turner Hall, the Studebaker Theatre the Grand Opera House and the Garrick Theatre. Besides playing the old popular Swedish dramas, this company has given many plays new to Swedish audiences in this city, including, "Per Olsson och hans käring," by Gustaf af Geijerstam; "Smålandsknekten," by August Bondeson; "Sven och liten Anna," by Herman Martinson; "Öregrund–Östhammar;" "Ljungby Horn" and others. Mr. Behmer has partly rewritten "Anna Stinas illusioner," adapting it to local conditions and naming it "Anna Stina i Chicago." He has also written a number of topical, humorous and sentimental songs with which the plays have been interpolated. Several of these have appeared in the Swedish local press. Omitting minor parts, the following are some of the chief

characters enacted by Mr. Behmer: Anders in "Vermländingarne," Lasse, in "Nerkingarne;" Jeppe, in "Jeppe på berget;" Botvid the Friar, in "Bröllopet på Ulfåsa;" Petterson, in "Anderson, Petterson och Lundström;" Squire Dahl, in "Jernbäraren;" Ringdahl, in "Öregrund–Östhammar;" Brother Jonathan, in "Bror Jonathan, eller Oxhandlaren från Småland;" Olof, in "Ljungby horn;" Olle, in "Per Olsson och hans käring;" Father Hieronymus, in "Regina von Emmeritz;" Professor Klint, in "Svärfar;" Petruchio, in "Taming of the Shrew;" Brander, in "Farbror Knut från Norrköping" and Lieutenant Ferdinand von Henning, in "Mäster Smith;" the title part in "Charles XII.," and Torwald Helmer in Ibsen's "A Doll's House."

In 1904 Mr. Behmer separated from Brusell and organized the Swedish Dramatic Co., of which he is director and stage manager.

OSCAR NELS OLSON,

Lutheran minister, was born Jan. 28, 1876, in Qvidinge parish, Skåne, Sweden. His father, Ola Anderson, who was a farmer, died in 1885. His mother, Johanna Nilsson, died in 1887. The son emigrated to America in May, 1890. From 1893 until 1896 he attended Upsala College, in New Jersey. He was a student for the next two years at Augustana College, graduating with the degree of A. B. After spending a year at Yale University, he pursued studies at Mt. Airy Theological Seminary in Philadelphia from 1900 to 1902. The next year he completed his theological



OSCAR NELS OLSON

studies at Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island, receiving the degree of B. D. Mr. Olson was ordained minister of the Swedish Lutheran Church June 14, 1903, in Paxton, Ill. He is now in pastoral charge of St. Paul Church, in Moreland, and of Lebanon Lutheran Church in Berwyn.

June 6, 1906, the Rev. Mr. Olson was married to Miss Ida Wilhelmina Peterson of Fort Dodge, Iowa, born Dec. 8, 1878, daughter of C. O. and Mathilda Peterson.

OSCAR DELL OLSON,

attorney and counselor at law, is a younger brother of Edwin A. Olson, the well-known attorney, and associated with him in the practice of the profession.

Oscar D. Olson was born at

Cambridge, Ill., June 17, 1875, his father, Charles Olson, living there as a retired farmer. Having



OSCAR DELL OLSON

finished the high school in Cambridge, he pursued scientific studies at Valparaiso, Ind., and subsequently entered the Chicago Law School, completing the course leading to the degree of LL. B. in 1897, and that of LL. M. the following year. He was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court on examination in 1898, at Springfield, having since devoted himself to legal practice. In the fall of 1906 he was appointed assistant state's attorney.

He takes an active interest in politics and is an enthusiastic fraternity man, as witness the fact that he was elected secretary of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois for the year of 1902-03, and that he is a life member of the 32d degree Masons, past master of the Boulevard Lodge No. 882, A. F. and A. M., and now president of the Illinois Odd Fellows League, consisting of delegates from all the Odd Fellows lodges in the state.

Mr. Olson was married Feb. 3, 1906, to Miss Hildred Trozelle of Windom, Minn., born May 10, 1885.

ADOLF F. BERGBOM,

member of the manufacturing firm of Bergbom and Roberg, hails from the parish of Dref, Småland, where he was born at the Boxholm Iron Mill Nov. 10, 1847. His schooling began at the age of six, in the home of his grandfather, with his aunt as teacher and her spinningwheel as his only school-



ADOLF F. BERGBOM

mate. He remained under her tutorship for a year. For four months each year thereafter for six years he had tuition in the parish school. At thirteen he became his father's helper in the Åsafors

mill, Stengårdshult parish. At sixteen he went to work under a five year contract as gunsmith's apprentice in the Husqvarna Arms Factory. As soon as the contract expired he emigrated, leaving from the city of Jönköping March 24, 1869, and landing in Boston one month later. Coming on to Chicago, he first got work in a stove factory as model finisher and afterward worked in machine shops. Bergbom was appointed foreman in the tool and milling department of a sewing machine factory in the spring of 1880 and held that position for six years, leaving in 1886 to open a machine shop in partnership with C. F. Roberg. This firm has continued in business ever since, with shops formerly at 26-28-30 Michigan st., now at 30 West Randolph st.

In 1874 Mr. Bergbom was united in marriage with Miss Hilda Johnson, born in Virserum, Småland. Six sons and three daughters have been born to them, four of whom, three boys and one girl, have been claimed by death.

Politically Mr. Bergbom is a Republican and has voted the party ticket with few exceptions. Since his coming to America he has affiliated with the Mission church and is a member of the Maplewood congregation. He has served as organist and choir leader for over twenty-five years and as trustee and treasurer for more than fourteen years.

VICTOR G. ROCINE

was born Sept. 6, 1856. His father was of French origin and adopted the name of Lundquist.



VICTOR G. ROCINE

His mother came from Norway. Twenty-six years ago he emigrated from Sweden to the United States.

He has fitted himself for his profession in six schools from all of which he has graduated. The last six years he has lived in Illinois. Dr. Rocine is president of the Human Science School at 130 Dearborn st., where he publishes "*Human Culture*, a monthly journal devoted to character reading, human science and self development." He devotes much time to lecturing, organizing societies for the study of his specialty. He is the author of two professional works; "Mind Training" and "Diet Guide".

Dr. Rocine is married and has a son.

OSCAR F. ENGWALL

was born on the island of Visingsö, Sweden, July 20, 1850. His ancestors for several generations back



OSCAR F. ENGWALL

were foresters or held other positions in the service of the Crown. They especially distinguished themselves in furthering the cultivation of the magnificent old oak forests. His parents had expected their son to follow the traditional occupation and possibly rise to the position of royal master-forester. He studied for some years with this purpose in view but a severe illness compelled him to abandon the course, later engaging in the watchmaker's trade. After having fully mastered his trade he left Sweden in the year 1873 with America as his destination. For more than thirty years he has been employed by C. D. Peacock, the leading jeweler of the West. In Chicago the Swedish watchmakers, like the Swedish tailors, are considered the most skillful in the trade. C. D. Peacock therefore employs 22 of them in the watch department with Mr. Engwall at the head.

This befitting recogniton of his skill Mr. Engwall has gained by keeping abreast of the times in all the details of his trade. People who have met in a business way consider him one of the most skillful watchmakers in this country. The fact that the United States Patent Office has recently issued letters of patent for an automatic watch regulator invented by him bears ample proof of his extraordinary ingenuity. A leading watch manufacturing company of the West is negotiating for the purchase of this invention. Experts say it will revolutionize the watch industry. Mr. Engwall is also the holder of another patent issued several years ago for an ingenious opera glass handle which is now in general use in England, France Germany and Austria.

Mr. Engwall was married in 1875 to Miss Margaret Carlson, from Östergötland, Sweden. They are the parents of seven children, of whom three daughters are living. Mr. Engwall is trustee of Garfield Park M. E. Church and resides at 936 Walnut st.

ELVIRA M. WENNERSKOLD

was born in Chicago Sept. 22, 1874. Her parents, Charles A. and Augusta M. Wennersköld, were born in Östergötland, Sweden, where her father was a school-

master before he emigrated in 1870. He pursued further studies in Galesburg and at Princeton, Ill.



ELVIRA M. WENNERSKOLD

and then traveled as an evangelist founding several Swedish Mission congregations. He retired from the ministry in 1876 on account of ill health, and died in 1900. Her mother, Augusta M., has a millinery and dressmaking establishment in Englewood.

Miss Wennerskold gave early evidence of musical talent. At the age of nine she took piano lessons from Miss Bancroft. After graduating from the Parkman School, she studied at the Chicago Piano College under Charles Watt. She subsequently finished her piano studies at the Chicago National College of Music under the tuition of W. Waugh Lauder, at the same time studying theory, harmony and composition with the general director of the college. She received, in 1897, a gold medal for the best scholarship and was engaged by the college as a piano instructor. Since leaving this position Miss Wennerskold has continued her studies in harmony under the direction of Louis Campbell-Tipton of the Chicago Musical College.

Her studio is at 5509 Fifth ave., where she gives class and private instruction in harmony and piano.

FRANK A. LUNDQUIST

was born June 24, 1868, in Galva, Illinois. His parents were early settlers in that region, having emigrated from Sweden in their youth. When he was two years old the family removed to Lindsborg, Kansas, where his father, N. P. Lundquist, still lives.



FRANK A. LUNDQUIST

Frank was one of the first students at Bethany College in Lindsborg. He graduated from the commercial department in 1891. After spending a year in California he went to Chicago and worked

for the Bell Telephone Co. There he became impressed with the idea that an automatic telephone would be a commercial possibility. The next year he returned to Lindsborg and communicated his ideas to his old friends, John Erickson and Charles J. Erickson. They together worked out several automatic telephone instruments which were patented. These patents are now owned by the Strowger Automatic Telephone Exchange and by them are leased and distributed to various manufacturing companies. Their telephones were first installed at La Porte, Ind., and later in other places.

In the spring of 1897 Mr. Lundquist perfected another automatic telephone system, the first exchange of which was installed in Stirling, Kansas. The National Automatic Telephone Co. was formed and several hundred exchanges in all parts of the United States operate under this new system. The company was reorganized in 1902, as the Globe Automatic Telephone Company of Chicago. Mr. Lundquist was manager and electrical engineer. He has now resigned the managership and devotes all his efforts to the technical side of the business. He he has applied for and secured about thirty patents upon this new system. Many of the patents have proved to be fundamental and to cover the system known as the "trunking system," which is used in the construction of all large automatic exchanges now in operation.

One of the novel inventions recently brought out by him is a method by which the number called for will be indicated on the face of the instrument, a visual proof that the desired telephone connection has been made.

Mr. Lundquist in 1898 married Anna M. Anderson of Galva, Ill. They belong to the Lutheran Church.

CARL A. STILLE

was born in Svenarum parish, Småland, Sweden, and came to



CARL A. STILLE

this country in 1869. He settled in Geneseo, Ill., where he lived for three years. He then removed to Chicago, where he has since resided.

Mr. Stille is the proprietor of a carriage factory, located at 81 Twelfth st., where he employs a large number of men.

Mr. Stille was married in 1885, to Miss Agnes Widman, with whom he has two children, a boy and a girl.

J. WILLIAM JOHNSON

was born April 6, 1866, in Forshem, Skaraborg län, Sweden. After attending the common school



J. WILLIAM JOHNSON

he worked on the farm until he went to the United States, where he landed in April 1887. Mr. Johnson has lived in various places in this country, including Farmer's Valley, Pa., Joliet, Ill., Bloomington, Ill., Kansas City, Mo. and Chicago. He has had a variety of occupations, such as tanner, stone quarryman, coalminer, blacksmith, cowboy and mason. For eight months Mr. Johnson was a cowboy in Kansas. The work was hard, but thrilling and full of interest.

The mason's trade was learned in Chicago, and is the foundation of Mr. Johnson's present vocation, that of mason contractor. Mr. Johnson has been married for seven years to Maria Lundstedt.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson belong to the Swedish Baptist Church in Englewood.

OLOF FERDINAND NELSON,

member of the Osgood Company, photo-engravers and electrotypers, and superintendent of their plant, is the son of Olof Nilsson, a cabinetmaker of the city of Halmstad, Sweden. He was born there April 22, 1867, and obtained his education partly in his native town, partly in the public schools of Chicago, having come to this city in 1882, with his parents.

He worked as an electrotyper until he was master of the craft. In 1890 he was offered the position of foreman in the Osgood plant, advancing next to that of



OLOF FERDINAND NELSON

superintendent. He became a member of the firm some seven years ago.

The so-called Nickeltype process, making electrotypes more durable than by the old process,

and superior in quality, is the invention of Mr. Nelson. It is used extensively in the United States and in Europe, bringing the inventor a comfortable sum in royalties annually.

When in 1883 the Svithiod male chorus was organized, Nelson was one of the first to join and has ever since taken an active part in the musical life of the Swedes of Chicago. In 1892 the chorus was incorporated under the name of Svithiod Singing Club, a social organization admitting other members than singers. In the club Mr. Nelson has been entrusted with all the different offices, respectively, and is at the present time a member of the board of trustees, which has the management of the club property valued at $20,000. He was president of the American Union of Swedish Singers from 1901 to 1905 and was the first president of the Swedish Singers' Union of Chicago, in 1906. He acted as treasurer of the picked chorus of the American Union, which made a tour of Sweden in 1897.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the Independent Order of Svithiod, has held the offices of chairman and secretary in Manhem Lodge No. 2, and is a thirty-second degree Mason.

On Feb. 3, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Christine Rasmussen, who was born in Denmark Nov. 8, 1871. With their one child, Ethel Christine, born Dec. 5, 1894, they live at 936 Winona ave. Mr. Nelson's business address is 66 Sherman st.

GUSTAF EDWARD SCHUCH,

minister of the Swedish Lutheran Church, was born April 5, 1871,



GUSTAF EDWARD SCHUCH

in Jönköping, Sweden. Before emigrating to America he had studied at the college and technical school of his native town. Since his arrival in this country he has resided in Boston, Rock Island, Negaunee and Chicago.

He was graduated in 1897 from Augustana College, and in 1904 from Augustana Theological Seminary, receiving at the same time his A. M. degree. June 5, 1904, he was ordained pastor in the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod and then took pastoral charge of the congregation at Austin, Chicago. In 1905 Rev. Schuch assumed the pastorate of the Zion Church in Chicago.

In 1900 he was wedded to Miss Amanda Evelina Sundberg, a daughter of a well-known family in Negaunee, Mich.

The father of Mr. Schuch was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

The mother of Rev. Schuch was from Halland, Sweden.

Rev. Schuch has made profound studies on the subject of mediæval history and has an extensive library pertaining to this subject.

CHARLES G. PETERSON

was born March 26, 1846, in Hvetlanda, Småland, Sweden. He



CHARLES GUSTAF PETERSON

comes from a long lived family. His paternal grandfather, John Boldt, served as cavalryman in the war of 1814 and died in 1856. His grandmother, Catharina Boldt, died aged 93 years. His mother's father, Olaus Krook, served in the war of 1818, was retired on a pension, and died at an advanced age in 1857. His wife passed away about 1847. Their daughter Anna Carrie, was born in 1820, married Nils Peterson and died in 1853. Charles' father, Nils Peterson, was born in 1818, became an overseer on the government farm in Öland, and died in 1901.

Charles G. Peterson, after attending school, drove a stage coach while still in his 'teens and was otherwise employed up to 1869, when he emigrated, coming to Chicago via Montreal.

In turn he became a blacksmith's helper, carpenter and butcher. He joined the Chicago fire department in 1883 and remained a member until retired on a pension in 1902.

Mr. Peterson was married Feb. 14, 1870 to Helena Carlson of Chicago, born Nov. 7, 1843. Her father, Peter Carlson was born in 1818 and died in 1902. Her mother, Ingridı Widen, was born in 1822 and died in 1883. Her maternal grandfather, Peter Widen, was a soldier in the Finnish war of 1809 against Russia, helped to dig the Göta Canal and died aged 85 years. His wife, Märta, died at the age of 90 years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have been born, Erick Edward, 1871, Apton Hjalmar, 1872, John Albert Leopold, 1875, Carl Frederick Arthur, 1877, Gustaf Emanuel, 1879, Louis Nathaniel, 1881, George Wendell, 1884, and a daughter. Erick is married to Ma-

thilda Peterson, and Apton to Carolina Rooks.

Mr. Peterson joined the Swedish Lutheran Bethlehem Church in 1877. For three years he was a deacon, and is now a trustee of the church. The family home is at 825 West 61 St.

KNUT SUNDSTEN

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1866. After completing his



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studies at a school in Örebro, he was employed for a year as clerk in Hamburg, Germany. He afterwards went to London, where he worked for two years in the capacity of salesman in the colonial trade. In 1889 he came to Chicago, where he became interested in the real estate business. At first he acted as agent, and then, having met with considerable success, he started in business for himself. Mr. Sundsten is still engaged in this business and has an office in the Chicago Opera House Block.

He is married and resides at 937 Edgewater place. Several fraternal societies claim him as a member.

ANDREW REESE,

minister of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, was born July 12, 1860, in Ransäter parish, Sweden, where his father, Andreas Riis was a farmer. Equipped with a Swedish common school education, he came to the United States in May, 1880. Having lived in Montclair, N. J., five years and in Brooklyn, N. Y., three years, Mr. Reese took up studies at the Swedish Theological Seminary at Evanston, Ill. He was ordained as deacon of the M. E. church Sept. 13, 1891, and as elder Sept. 8, 1895. Since



ANDREW REESE

his ordination he has served as preacher in Maywood, Ill., one

year; in South Chicago, Ill., four years; in Donovan, Ill., six years, and is at present pastor of the Humboldt Park Swedish M. E. Church, having been stationed there in September, 1902.

The Rev. Mr. Reese was married on Oct. 26, 1892, to Signe Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. William Henschen. Their union is blessed with seven children, born as follows: Agnes Elizabeth, 1893; Oliver William, 1894; Alice Leila, 1896; Helen Margaret, 1897; Anna Wilhelmina, 1901; Frances Louise, 1903; and Kenneth Andrew, 1905.

CHARLES A. HOFVANDER

was born at Ellinge, near Lund, Sweden, Dec. 25, 1853. Having



CHARLES A. HOFVANDER

obtained an elementary education in the public schools, he learned the shoemaker's trade in Lund. Mr. Hofvander has been a resident of the United States and the city of Chicago for twenty-five years, having come over in 1882. After ten years in this country he started in the shoe business at 137 Oak st., where he is still located.

Mr. Hofvander is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church and has served as secretary of the Bethesda Society of that church.

AXEL E. THOMPSON

was born March 22, 1875, in Chicago. After gaining his early edu-



AXEL E. THOMPSON

cation in the city public schools he attended the Metropolitan Business College. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of the New York Life Insurance Co. as office boy. By persistent attention to his duties he gained promotion from time to time. Having been cashier of the branch office in St. Louis for a short time, he returned to Chicago as general agent of the company, with offices in suite 304–322 Stock Exchange Building

In a contest covering a period of a year, in which 500 men participated, Mr. Thompson won the presidency of the New York Life Chicago Hundred Thousand Dollar Club, which is the largest organization of its kind in the life insurance business.

Mr. Thompson is sergant-at-arms of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois, president of the Swedish-American Republican Club of the 31st ward, and is president of the Swedish-American Central Republican Club of Cook county. He is Past Grand of John Ericsson Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F., and belongs to Boulevard Lodge No. 882, A. F. and A. M., Oriental Consistory (32d degree) and Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Masonic orders.

Mr. Thompson was married Feb. 23, 1895, to Marie Elizabeth Godey. They have two children, Myra Elizabeth, born July 12, 1899, and Douglas Eugene, born April 26, 1902, their first child having died in infancy.

LYDIA HELEN HALLBERG

was born in Chicago, Aug. 12, 1880. Her father, Anton A. Hallberg, a native of Gamleby, Sweden, came to Chicago in 1872.

Miss Hallberg began taking piano studies at the age of eleven. Being gifted with a sweet soprano voice, she commenced at the age of seventeen to take vocal lessons from Dr. H. S. Perkins. She then attended the Chicago Musical College and studied the voice with John R. Ortengren, harmony with Dr. Louis Falk, Italian with Sig. Alfieri and composition with Felix



LYDIA HELEN HALLBERG

Borowski. Miss Hallberg was graduated in 1905. She has chosen the career of vocal teacher and has amply demonstrated her ability. Her studio is at 5509 Fifth ave.

Miss Hallberg is soloist at the Bethany Swedish Mission Church, having filled that position for a number of years.

GUSTAF A. AKERLIND,

mechanical engineer, is a native of the province of Södermanland, Sweden, where he was born March 21, 1856, in a parish named Gåsinge. His father, Daniel Akerlind, who was a master mechanic, soon after removed to Vårby, in Botkyrka parish, renowned for its ancient church, built as early as 1128. The family after a time made their home at Tumba, where

the paper mill of the Bank of Sweden (riksbank) is located.

In 1879, his elementary schooling completed, young Akerlind



GUSTAF ALFRED AKERLIND

entered the Institute of Technology in Stockholm. At the end of the first term there he won several prizes and also captured one of the scholarships. Having completed a three years' course at the institute and worked with various manufacturing firms during vacations so as to gain practical experience, he secured a situation as assistant superintendent of the Mechanical Works at Visby, Gotland, then owned by Graham Brothers.

The young engineer at the age of twenty-nine came to the United States, resolved to risk success or failure in the unlimited field offered by the enormous industries of this prosperous country. At the time of his coming, in 1887, the outlook for men in his line, inexperienced in American methods, was not the best. After a short stay in New York City, he went to Philadelphia, where he obtained his first position of relative permanence with the Ashton Hand machine works of Toughkenamon. Not long afterward he was offered a position as draughtsman in the Riehls Brothers Testing Machine Works, where he continued for nine months. He held a similar position with the Pennsylvania Railroad engineering department in Altoona, Pa., from 1889 to 1891. This was known as a splendid school for the training of young mechanical engineers for railway work, and, having spent two years there, he easily obtained a more lucrative position in the shops of the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad, at Susquehanna, Pa. Early in 1892 Mr. Akerlind entered the service of the "Big Four" Railway and in December of the same year took a position with the Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, N. Y.

In January, 1896, Mr. Akerlind gave up that position to become chief of the draughting department of the Rock Island railway system, his residence in Illinois dating from that time. Before coming west, Mr. Akerlind had won a notable triumph in 1894, in a competition arranged by the *Locomotive Engineering*, a leading railway journal, for the best plans for a railway locomotive affording the greatest safety and comfort for the crew. The competition was open to the world and three prizes were offered, one of which

went to Mr. Akerlind who, besides, received honorable mention for having submitted the most original plans. Later he secured patents on several of the safety devices suggested in his plans.

His connection with the Rock Island Railroad has been fruitful of a number of practical improvements in its rolling stock. It was his brain that evolved the tender steps and handholds with which Engine No. 1,101 was first equipped, all the passenger and freight engines being subsequently equipped with these attachments. A car transom, which is used on all freight cars built by that road since 1897, is another of his patents.

In 1902 Mr. Akerlind left his position with the Rock Island company for a more profitable one with the Chicago Malleable Iron Works. Being one of the men, whose talents and skill the strongest companies in the country are bidding for, he had not long been engaged there when the National Coal Dump Car Company made him so flattering an offer, that he felt it a duty to himself to accept. He is still with this company, with offices at 1717 Railway Exchange Building, Michigan ave. and Jackson boulevard, having held the position of mechanical engineer with that concern since May, 1903.

Mr. Akerlind is a member of several associations, including the Scandinavian Technical Society of Chicago, of which he is now one of the directors. A brother of the engineer is C. L. Akerlind, of Rock Island, foreman of the press-room of the Augustana Book Concern. Their father died in 1901.

JOHN N. ALQUIST

was born Oct. 13, 1865, in Ardre parish, Gotland, Sweden. He came



JOHN N. ALQUIST

to America Dec. 14, 1889, and went to Connecticut, where he remained ten months. Chicago soon attracted him and in the fall of 1890 he made this city his home. Having joined the Swedish Free Mission Church, he took a course of instruction in 1892–93, at D. L. Moody's Bible Institute.

In the summer of 1893 he left for the mission field of Africa, having been engaged by the Scandinavian Alliance Mission. After reaching Lamoa, British East Africa, he worked under the direction of Missionary Emil Hedenström among the Galla and Pokomo tribes. Soon Mr. Ahlquist's health failed him, however, and in 1895

he was compelled to give up missionary work. Returning to Chicago, he was engaged for several years as a book and news agent. In 1896 he married Brita Lena Johnson, née Bengtson, born in Ås parish, Halland.

Desirous of establishing a business of his own, Mr. Alquist in 1902 settled on the south side and opened a book and stationery store, also dealing in toys, confections and notions, at 1136 W. 59th st.

He and his family are members of the Swedish Mission Church in Englewood.

AXEL B. C. CARLSTEDT,

founder and principal of the South Side College of Music, was born



AXEL B. C. CARLSTEDT

in the Swedish city of Helsingborg, July 26, 1849. His ancestors, both on the father's and mother's side, had been organists, musical directors, teachers and composers for many generations back. The position of organist of the churches in Södra Villie and Örsjö had been held by members of the Carlstedt family for 130 years. Mr. Carlstedt studied music under several teachers in Sweden up to 1872. That year he came to this country and entered the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. The following year he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Music. Subsequently he was engaged in the teaching and execution of music in the state of Massachusetts until 1876, when he came to Chicago, becoming one of the very first of the musical profession to establish himself as teacher in this city. After several years he was called as teacher of piano at the St. Joseph Seminary, in Kankakee, Ill. From there he removed to Decatur in 1882 and there founded the Decatur Conservatory of Music. Tiring of life in a small city, he left after three years, returning to Chicago in 1886. Here he continued his profession for a number of years, and in the latter '90s established the South Side College of Music, which is now in its tenth year. The institution is located at 600 Englewood ave.

Dr. Carlstedt was married in 1876 to Miss Annie Bird of Boston, a niece of General Terry. To them seven children have been born, four of whom, two daughters and two sons, are living.

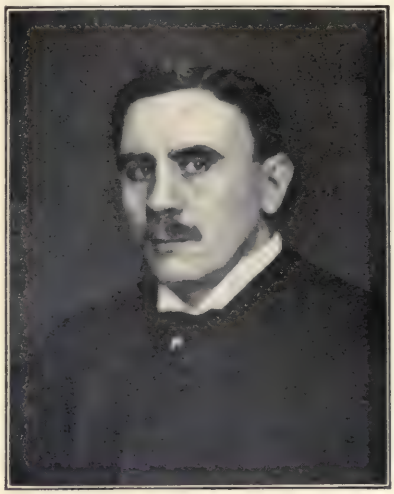
Dr. Carlstedt is the eldest of a family of thirteen children. The fact that his first initials are the

first three letters of the alphabet is not an accident. Thereby hangs a tale that is sufficiently interesting to go on record. All the children were named alphabetically, and being given three names apiece, the alphabet was exhausted, whereupon the father resorted to numbers twelve and thirteen. The list of names—probably the oddest in existence—is here given:

Axel Bernhard Conrad; Dagobert Edvard Fritiof; Gustaf Harald Julius; Knut Leonard Matildius; Nellie Olivia Pauline; Quelie Rosalie Sophie; Teresa Urania Vilhelmina; Xesia Yrsa Zephania; Åberta Ägir Östgöta; Detolfta Johanna Marie; Bror Tretton Methodius. The death of two children in infancy, who are not included in the list, explains why the daughter named Twelve and the one named Thirteen are the tenth and the eleventh in the list. All the nine surviving children are following the musical profession, six in Chicago and three in New York.

HUGO ADALVARD OLDENBORG

was born at Hammar, Nerike, Sweden, July 26, 1868, his parents being C. C. Oldenburg, a clergyman, and Johanna Maria, née Hertzman. Beginning his education in the public school of Hammar, he entered the collegiate school of Askersund in 1887. Subsequently he studied at the collegiate school of Örebro, graduating in 1888. The following year he began the study of medical gymnastics under Director Liedbeck of Stockholm. Mr. Oldenborg was assistant to Director



HUGO ADALVARD OLDENBORG

Cleve, of the Medevi health resort, during the season of 1890-'91. During the summer of 1892 he conducted a medical gymnastic institute of his own at Öregrund. For three years, 1890–1893, he was a student at the Royal Gymnastic Central Institute of Stockholm, graduating as Director of Gymnastics. In July, 1893, Mr. Oldenborg left Sweden and located in Chicago, where he has since practiced his profession.

In the summers of 1897 and 1899 Mr. Oldenborg studied gynecological massage under Dr. Stapfer in Paris, France. For the last six years he has taught kinesitherapy — massage and medical gymnastics — at Rush Medical College, first as assistant, now as associate in the department of

Therapeutics, having charge of the instruction in kinesi.

Mr. Oldenborg's marriage to Miss Maria Ohlson of Kristianstad, Sweden, took place June 24, 1899.

JOHN ERICKSON
AND
CHARLES J. ERICKSON

John Erickson was born in Filipstad, Sweden, Jan. 25, 1866. The



JOHN ERICKSON

parents emigrated in 1869 to America and were among the first settlers in the Swedish colony at Lindsborg, Kansas.

Charles J. Erickson was born in Lindsborg, Kans., July 23, 1870. Until 1893 the two brothers remained under the parental roof. The boys both had a genius for invention. Together they contrived and perfected the first automatic organ and piano player, now used under various names all over America and Europe.

The brothers have been inseparable in all their undertakings. In 1893 they went to Chicago in order to perfect and introduce to the commercial world their automatic telephone switchboard. Capital was interested, and after a few years the electrical world was startled with the news that the automatic telephone switchboard was a success. One million dollars had been spent in perfecting the system, but the result has more than justified this immense expenditure. The Automatic Telephone Co., at Van Buren and Morgan sts., with a factory employing over 1,000 men, is unable to make instruments rapidly enough to supply the demand. The system is being installed in towns and cities both in Europe and the United States, Chicago being among the



CHARLES J. ERICKSON

number. The system does away with telephone operators, a simple

device enabling the subscriber to make his own connections.

Fourteen years of painstaking effort passed before the Erickson Brothers brought their ingenious invention to its present state of perfection.

The brothers are close observers of physical phenomena and are well-informed on practical scientific topics. They are admirable examples of pluck and singleness of purpose.

John Erickson was married in 1900 to Miss Mary Josephine Lindskog, from Karlstad, Sweden. They have a son, John Arthur.

Charles J. Erickson was married in 1898 to Miss Maria Elizabeth Schonbeck from Stockholm. They have a daughter, Hazel Elizabeth, and a son, Roy Charles.

VICTOR E. JOHNSON

was born in Kroppa parish, near Filipstad, Sweden, Jan. 31, 1875.



VICTOR E. JOHNSON

Emigrating in 1884, he came to Chicago. After working here for various firms, he engaged in business with his brother, Charles H. Johnston. In 1900 he, together with Wm. Johnson, started the Superior Iron Works at 141–143 Ontario st. The firm manufactures all kinds of iron work for building purposes and brass castings, also doing jobbing and machine forging.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

In January, 1900, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Emilia Ericson from Fogelvik parish, Vermland, with whom he has one son.

OTTO CARL JUEL CARLSON

was born June 9, 1875, in Östra Torp, Sweden. After having attended the public school in his native village, he came over to this country and settled in Chicago in July, 1890. Having worked half a year in a bakery, he obtained employment with Wendell & Co. where he learned the lapidary trade. After a couple of years he began to work at jewelry and diamond setting continuing until 1898, when he left for Hallandale, Florida. While there he acted as organist of the Bethlehem Church. After a year spent in Florida, Mr. Carlson returned to Chicago and resumed work for his old employers. He is now engaged as diamond setter with the jewelry house of Spaulding and Co.

Mr. Carlson has pronounced musical talents. He has studied piano for some years and has been

for the last few years under the skillful guidance of the well-known Swedish vocal teacher of the Chi-



OTTO CARL JUEL CARLSON

cago Musical College, John R. Ortengren. Mr. Carlson has a clear and pleasing tenor voice. He was for eight years a member of Lyran Singing Society and also belonged to the Swedish Glee Club. He was one of the chorus of fifty-five Swedish-American singers who visited the Stockholm exposition in 1897. Mr. Carlson is a member of the Trinity Swedish Lutheran Church and is the leader of its church choir, and also of the Arpi male choir.

Mr. Carlson was united in marriage to Miss Josephina Oström June 5, 1907.

JOHN N. JOHNSON

was born on a farm near Sköfde, Sweden, Feb. 2, 1865. He attended school until about the time of his father's death, in 1878, when he had to take charge of the farm work as best he could as a lad of thirteen. The mother had died two years previously. There were three sisters and three brothers of whom John was the oldest.

He came to America and settled in Paxton, Ill., in 1884, beginning work on a farm. Later on he learned broommaking and in 1887 left for Chicago. Here he secured employment in a broom corn commission house where he was employed until 1897. That year he engaged in a similar business, with one Morse as partner. At the present time he is associated with H. E. Smallbone and J. L. Flannery in the manufacture of shuttles and other parts for sewing



JOHN N. JOHNSON

machines, he being vice president of the Johnson Shuttle Company. The business is located at 606 Wilson ave., Ravenswood.

Mr. Johnson was married Aug. 24, 1893, to Emma W. Johnson.

Of their five children but two, Reuben and Myrtle, survive.

He is connected with the Mission Church in Ravenswood and is an active church worker, having served as trustee, deacon, financial secretary, treasurer and Sunday school teacher.

ARTHUR C. LENBERG

was born in Vestergötland, Sweden. His father is a school teacher



ARTHUR C. LENBERG

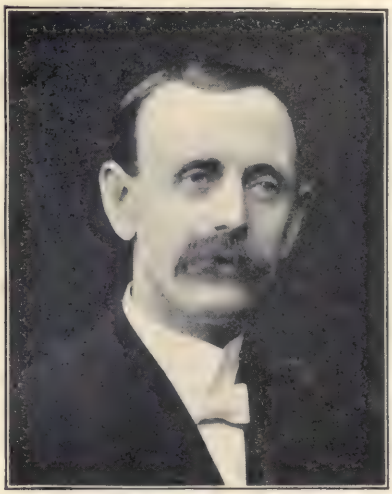
in the parish of Varnhem. Emigrating in 1888, he located in Chicago, securing work as a grocery clerk. For some time he lived in Kansas City, engaged in the same occupation. Mr. Lenberg is at present devoting his time to the piano business. Having been manager of Story and Clark Piano Company's branch store at 1804 N. Clark st. for a time, he embarked in the business independently, going in as a member of the firm of the Johnson-Lenberg Co., which is now in the piano business at 1510 Belmont ave.

Mr. Lenberg is a Lutheran.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Anna Bargquist of Chicago. They have a son, George C., and a daughter, Ruth L. Lenberg.

ANDERS J. LÖFGREN,

Methodist clergyman, was born in Vestra Eneby parish, in the pro-



ANDERS J. LÖFGREN

vince of Östergötland, Sweden, on Oct. 2, 1857. He received his education in the collegiate school at Lunnevad and in the Normal School in Linköping. In 1886 he emigrated to America and two years later, at the annual convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago, was ordained to the ministry by Bishop G. Andrews. During the next twelve years he served as pastor and as presiding elder in Kansas and Nebraska, until in the fall of 1899 when he was appointed, by Bish-

op J. N. Fitzgerald, pastor of the First Swedish Methodist Church of Chicago. He became presiding elder of the Chicago District of the Central Swedish Conference.

In 1906 he removed to Brooklyn, and assumed charge of the Immanuel Swedish M. E. Church.

FREDRIK G. and CLARA E. HEDBERG

were born, respectively, at Norrtelje, Uppland, May 25, 1846, and Boxholm, Sweden, Feb. 18, 1850.



CLARA E. HEDBERG

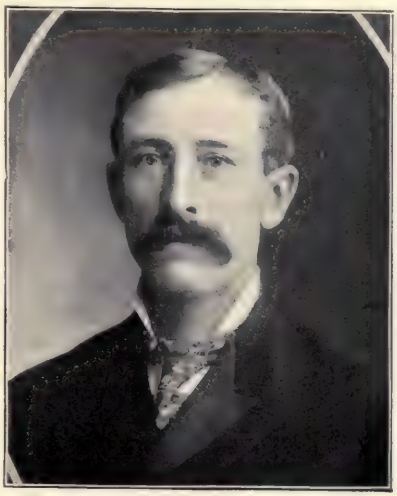
Mr. Hedberg is the son of Magnus Leonard Hedberg, a tanner of Norrtelje, and his wife is the daughter of Carl Ekdahl, a blacksmith at Boxholm. Both were in charge of Bethany Home, a Methodist institution for old folks, for about ten years, Mr. Hedberg as manager and his wife, matron.

They retired from their charge June 1, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedberg are members of the Bethany M. E. Church in Ravenswood. Their children are Fredrik G. and Henry E. Hedberg.

CARL G. SWENSON

was born in Småland, Sweden. In 1884 he emigrated to this country and first settled in Shelton, Neb., where he attended high school for about a year to learn the English language. He then began the study of medicine in the office of a physician in a small Nebraska town. In 1887 he was licensed as a pharmacist. Soon afterward Mr. Swenson took a medical course at Rush Medical College in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1891, receiving the degree of M. D. He then went to Omaha, Neb., and there built up a lucrative practice.



CARL G. SWENSON

Desiring, however, a larger field for his work and wishing to study the methods of the great surgeons,

he came to Chicago in 1894, where he was attached to the Augustana Hospital for almost two years. He afterwards opened an office in 318 E. Division st. Although he now has a large practice, he has always taken a keen interest in hospital work. He later became attached to the Passavant Hospital attracted to that institution by the skillful surgeon, the late Dr. Fenger. Dr. Swenson's care and skill soon won for him a place on the surgical staff of the hospital, and he is now one of the attending surgeons.

A marital union of three years' duration was dissolved in 1905 by the death of his wife, whose maiden name was Christine Johnston.

Dr. Swenson now resides at 754 Fullerton ave., corner of Clark st.

CARL RICHARD CHINDBLOM was born Dec. 21, 1870, in Chicago, where his parents have lived since then. They are Mr. Carl P. Chindblom, tailor by trade, and Mrs. Christina C. Chindblom, née Engel, who came to this city from Åsbo, Östergötland, Sweden. The son studied in the public schools of the city and also attended a private school for the study of the Swedish language. In September, 1884, he was enrolled as a student in the academic department of Augustana College, at Rock Island, Ill., graduating from this institution with the degree of A. B., in May, 1890. He then continued his studies and engaged in various employments until the fall of 1893, when he accepted a position as teacher in the Martin Luther College, an institution then just opening in Chicago. He pursued



CARL RICHARD CHINDBLOM

the work of an educator until the fall of 1896, when he severed his connection with the college. During this period he received the honorary degree of A. M. from Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. In January, 1897, he enrolled as a student in the Kent College of Law in Chicago and graduated therefrom with the degree of LL. B., in June, 1898. The law requiring three full years of study for admission to the bar, he continued his preparation for the legal profession until the spring of 1900, when, upon examination before the State Board, he was admitted to practice. Since that time he has followed the profession of the law in the city of Chicago, and has offices at the present time in suite 807–811, 160 Washington st. For several years he has been

secretary and attorney for the First Swedish Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Chindblom is widely known as a public speaker and has filled many appointments to make addresses on festival and other occasions not only in Chicago, but at other places in Illinois and in other states. He is a Republican in politics and has done much campaign work in his home city and state and elsewhere. In the fall of 1894 his services were engaged by the Republican State Committee of Michigan and in the campaigns of 1896, 1898 and 1900 he did service as political speaker for both the Illinois State and the National Republican Committees, speaking in both the English and the Swedish languages. Mr. Chindblom was in 1903 elected president of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois. He is a member of the Gethsemane Swedish Lutheran Church and of several fraternal and social organizations.

He has served on the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, also on that of the North Star Benefit Association, with head office at Moline, Ill. He was one of the committee which re-organized the present Scandia Life Insurance Company. Early in 1906 Mr. Chindblom was appointed attorney for the State Board of Health, by Governor Deneen, and in the fall of the same year was elected county commissioner on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Chindblom was married April 27, 1907, to Miss Christine M. Nilsson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Nilsson of Minneapolis. Mrs. Chindblom is an accomplished pianist. They reside at 614 Foster ave.

AKSEL G. S. JOSEPHSON,

cataloguer of the John Crerar Library, was born in Upsala, Oct. 2, 1860. His father was J. A.



AKSEL GUSTAV SALOMON JOSEPHSON

Josephson, musical director at the University of Upsala and one of the famous song composers of Sweden.

Mr. Josephson in 1885 established himself as a bookseller in the university town. After twelve years spent in the book trade, during which time he stocked up with a vast quantity of bibliographical knowledge, Mr. Josephson came to the United States and enrolled at the New York State Library School at Albany. His course completed, he obtained a

position in 1894, as assistant in the Lenox Library, now a part of the New York Library. On March 1, 1896, he assumed his present position of cataloguer of the John Crerar Library in Chicago.

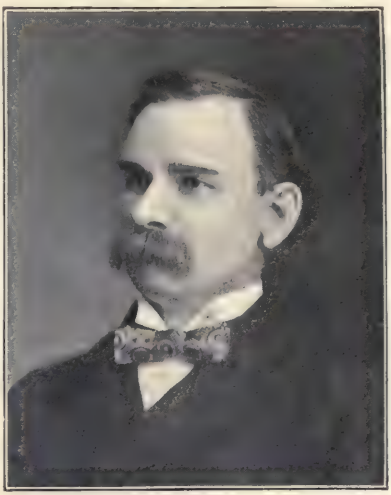
On April 27, 1899, Mr. Josephson was married to Lucia Engberg, daughter of the late Jonas Engberg of Chicago.

Mr. Josephson is a member of many clubs and societies, chief among which are Svenska Litteratur - Sällskapet of Upsala, the American Library Association, the Bibliographical Society of America and a member of its council, the City Club of Chicago, the Gutenberg Gesellschaft of Mainz and of the Swedish-American Historical Society. Of this last named society, which came into existence in 1905, Mr. Josephson was one of the organizers and was elected its first treasurer and made chairman of its library committee. He is now secretary of the society.

The following contributions to bibliographical lore have been made by Mr. Josephson, to wit: Catalogue of Swedish and Finnish Dissertations at Universities and Schools, published at Upsala, 1892–97. List of Bibliographies of Bibliographies (1901); Bibliography of Union Lists of Serials (1906). In a pamphlet issued by him in 1905, entitled, Plan for the Establishment of the Bibliographical Institute, Mr. Josephson interestingly develops his ideas as to the organization, scope and uses of such an institution.

JOHN L. SWENSON

was born in Skärstad parish, Småland, Sweden, Jan. 1, 1850. When he was two years old, the family



JOHN L. SWENSON

removed to the city of Jönköping. In its public schools he received his early education. His schooling was interrupted, however, when at the age of thirteen he obtained employment in the printing shop of *Jönköpings Tidning*, and remained there until he emigrated in 1865, when he came to Chicago and worked in the *Hemlandet* printing office. He subsequently was employed by J. M. W. Jones Co., and by Stromberg, Allen & Co.

Almost immediately after his arrival in Chicago, Mr. Swenson became a member of the Svea Singing Society, which chose him instructor and director three years later. In 1870 Mr. Swenson organized the Scandinavian National Quartet, with which he made an ex-

tensive concert tour in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

When Christina Nilsson first visited America and Chicago, Mr. Swenson was chosen to direct the united Scandinavian choruses who sang at the reception given the prima donna in Germania Hall, Chicago. He also wielded the baton at the benefit concert given by her in behalf of the St. Ansgarius Church.

About this time Mr. Swenson was offered the directorship of the Freja Singing Society, then one of the foremost musical organizations of the city, and remained its director for a period of nearly ten years. Since that time he has directed the following singing societies: the Typographical Männerchor, the Scandinavian Quartet Club, the Swedish Singing Society, reorganized as the Swedish Glee Club, the Svithiod Singing Club, and the Lyran Singing Society of Rockford, Ill., besides several quartets and other smaller organizations. Mr. Swenson was musical director of the Svithiod Singing Club for about fifteen years, retiring in 1906.

At a competitive singing festival, held at the Auditorium, Chicago, Jan. 11, 1896, in which male choruses of seven different nationalities took part, the Svithiod singers carried off the championship banner, while Mr. Swenson received a gold medal with this inscription: "John L. Swenson, Trophoeum Cantatorum, Competitio Musicalis. Chicago, Jan. 11, 1896."

At the present time, and for years past, Mr. Swenson is the director of the Björgvin Norwegian male chorus, and has raised it to a high standard of song. At its twenty-fifth anniversary concert, given at Garrick Theatre in May, 1907, Mr. Swenson was presented with a gold laurel wreath medal, set with diamonds, as a token of their appreciation of his long services during the past fifteen years.

Aside from the duties implied in the foregoing, Mr. Swenson has always been engaged more or less in church musical work. Thus he has been attached to the Olivet Presbyterian, the Centennial Baptist, the Norwegian Methodist Episcopal, the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran and the Lincoln Park Congregational churches for various periods from the '60s to the present time.

In order to familiarize himself thoroughly with the higher class of choral work, Mr. Swenson has been a member of the Chicago Oratorio Society, under the leadership of Hans Balatka, the Apollo Club, under William Tomlins, and other singing organizations of the highest class. In the last named club he has been an officer. In voice culture and training he has been a pupil of Mme. Redington, Mme. Barnett of the Cecilian Academy, and Dr. Parker, and has studied harmony with Henry Schoenfeld.

Mr. Swenson was married to Miss Sophie Anderson Sept. 24,

1885, and they have three children, Grace, Henry and Ruth.

They have always lived at their own home, 1712 Deming pl.

In view of his long, successful and manysided career as musical director, Mr. Swenson may well be given credit for having done the most of any man so far in fostering among the Scandinavian population of Illinois love for their national songs and training their singers to artistic rendition of the same.

VICTOR J. TENGWALD,

pastor of the Elim Swedish Lutheran Church in Pullman, Chicago,



VICTOR JOHAN TENGWALD

was born March 6, 1860, in Tingstäde, Gotland. In his early childhood his parents removed to Halmstad, Sweden, where he received his education in the grammar school and college of that city. After devoting some time to private tutoring he emigrated to America in 1879. He remained in the eastern states about two years, being employed as bookkeeper and teacher. In 1881 he became principal of the graded parochial school of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, Chicago, which position he held until 1887. The following year he was employed by the Engberg-Holmberg Pub. Co. as editor and completed the "Läro- och läsebok för svensk-amerikanska församlingsskolor," a Swedish reader still used in parochial schools. In the fall of that year he entered the Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island, where he graduated, and was ordained to the ministry in 1890. Since then he has had pastoral charges in Buffalo, N. Y., 1890–1894; in Jamestown, N. Y., 1894–1895; in Grand Rapids, Mich., 1895–1900, and since that time in Chicago.

Rev. Tengwald served in 1895 as secretary of the New York Conference. He was unanimously elected secretary of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod in 1905, an office to which he was reelected in 1906 and 1907. He has also been entrusted with the chairmanship in various church organizations.

In 1884 Rev. Mr. Tengwald was married to Dorothea Högström, who died in April, 1905. Mrs. Tengwald was widely known for her active church and school work, as also for her literary ability.

Rev. Tengwald is the editor of a monthly church paper, *Bekännaren*. From time to time various

articles on religious subjects from his pen have appeared in different publications.

In 1907 he was united in marriage with Emma Sundquist of Chicago, who is eminently gifted for church work.

AXEL JOHANSON,

importer of Swedish merchandise, was born in Ålem parish, Småland,



AXEL JOHANSON

Sweden, Dec. 24, 1867. In 1888 he emigrated to America, landing April 24 in Boston, where he worked until the following year, when he took a prospecting trip westward, and finally arrived in Chicago, in May, 1889. He has since made this city his home.

In 1896 he started the firm known as the Swedish Produce Co. with location on S. Water St., and began to import all kinds of Swedish merchandise. Of this firm he was the proprietor until he sold out his interest in June, 1896, and with his family took a trip to Sweden. During his stay there he made connections with some of the large manufacturers, and he now represents some of the largest firms of Sweden, whose manufactures he is introducing into this country. Mr. Johanson is at the present time one of the largest importers of Swedish merchandise products in the United States. His office is in the Masonic Temple.

In 1889 Mr. Johanson was married to Miss Hilma Nelson, with whom he has three children, one boy and two girls.

In politics he takes no part beyond doing his duty as a citizen and a Republican at the elections.

JOHN K. NORSTROM

was born on a farm near Lindsborg, Kansas, Jan. 13, 1869. He



JOHN K. NORSTROM

is said to be the first white child born in McPherson county. His

parents are C. F. Norstrom and Anna Swenson Norstrom. The father is now treasurer of the Swedish American Insurance Co. of Lindsborg.

John is the second son in a family of twelve children, eight of whom are living. He worked on the farm as a boy at the same time attending the public school in Lindsborg, subsequently completing a course in the commercial department of Bethany College.

Removing to Chicago in January 1896, he found employment with the Strowger Automatic Telephone Co. and rose to the position of sub-foreman in the electrical department. He was then engaged by the National Automatic Telephone Co. to install automatic exchanges and act as salesman. The firm next put him in charge of the electrical department and later made him superintendent. In this capacity he made several improvements in the telephone system. In Dec., 1900, the Globe Automatic Telephone Co. was organized with Mr. Norstrom as vice president, director and electrical engineer. He continued making improvements in the apparatus, protecting them by patents.

Having made a close study of the demerits of the then existing automatic telephones, he saw room for still further improvement and, resigning his position, he became the president of the Automatic Telephone Co. with works at 103-109 E. Randolph st., in Feb., 1903. Mr. Norstrom's genius has evolved a complete central energy automatic telephone exchange system. It is patented and the apparatus is now manufactured by the firm.

Mr. Norstrom was married in December, 1892, to Lydia E. Lundquist, daughter of a pioneer farmer, N. P. Lundquist and his wife, Carolina. They have a daughter, Frances. The family belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church.

FRANK LONN

was born Nov. 3, 1843, in Lannaskede parish, Småland, Sweden.



FRANK LONN

His educational advantages were limited to the common schools. In 1868, when twenty-five years of age, he left for the United States.

Mr. Lonn has held the position of superintendent of the postal station at Hegewisch, Chicago, for several years. He has always been a Republican and has taken an active part in politics.

Mr. Lonn is a Lutheran, and

is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GUSTAF LINDELL

was born in Sweden Nov. 9, 1864. His parents were Lars and Maria



GUSTAF LINDELL

Larson, who lived in Sunne parish, Vermland. The son attended the high school founded by Anders Fryxell, the famous Swedish historian, and as a boy he once took a prize of five crowns, given by Professor Fryxell, an occasion he cherishes as the proudest moment in his life. Gustaf helped his father on the farm until 1885, when he went to Stockholm and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. In 1887 he emigrated to America, landing on our shores May 5. Proceeding at once to Chicago, he there secured employment in his trade. After three years he got his first contract for the erection of a building. Before it was completed, he had secured two more contracts. Since then he has erected many private residences and a number of public buildings and club houses, among the latter the Saddle and Cycle Club house in Edgewater and the Exmore Golf Club house in Highland Park.

Mr. Lindell has been recording secretary of the Iduna Society and is a member of the Carpenters' and Builders' Association.

In 1897 Mr. Lindell was married to Miss Emma Maria Olson. They have a daughter living, their first child, a son, having died at a tender age.

AARON W. ANDERSON

was born at Rydaholm, Småland, Sweden, July 3, 1877. He emi-



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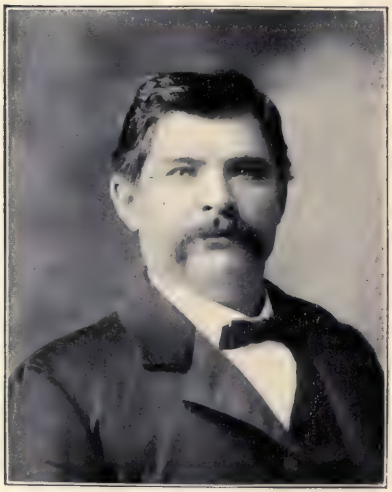
grated to America in 1893, locating in Chicago. He started in the grocery business when but a young man, and has now a prosperous grocery and meat market

at 2875 N. Robey st., Ravenswood.

He married Miss Signe Anderson, born in Chicago May 15, 1879, and their union has been blessed with two children, Parkman Russell and Morris Aaron.

WILHELM EKENBORG

was born April 2, 1850, in the city of Ronneby, Sweden. He



WILHELM EKENBORG

learned the carriage maker's trade from his father. Emigrating in 1870 to America, he first settled in California. After two years he moved to Chicago. He started in business for himself as carriage-maker in 1882, at 1401-3 North Clark st., where he is still located.

In 1875 Mr. Ekenborg was married to Miss Mathilda Wennerholm. They have had four sons, of whom three are still living. They are engaged in business with their father. The family belongs to the St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal Church. Ekenborg is a member of the First Swedish Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Verdandi Lodge of the Svithiod order.

ANDREW THELANDER

was born July 26, 1847, in Bredaryd parish, Småland, Sweden. He emigrated to America in 1869. For the first two years he traveled through various parts of the country and afterwards made his home in Chicago.

He joined the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church in 1870. For many years he has been a member of its Board of Trustees, and in latter years was treasurer of the board.

In 1874 he entered the employ of the firm Braun & Fitts, butterine manufacturers, and was for many years salesman and collector for this firm.



ANDREW THELANDER

When in 1904 the firm split and Mr. Braun established his own

factory at 75-77 W. Monroe st., under the name of Geo. P. Braun Co., Mr. Thelander followed and continues in his employ to the present time.

In 1872 Mr. Thelander was married to Maria L. Erickson from Ullened parish, province of Vestergötland, Sweden. Nine children have been born to the couple, of whom one son and four daughters are still living. The son, Theo. A. Thelander, is a jeweler at 1739 North Clark st., Lake View.

JOHANNES ANDERSON

was born in Edsvära parish, Vestergötland, Sweden. At an early



JOHANNES ANDERSON

age he went to Stockholm and began as an apprentice in the wood-carving trade. For a number of years he attended the Technological School of Stockholm. In 1883 he went to Hamburg, Germany, and during the following three years visited the cities of Cologne, Mainz, Stuttgart, Strassburg, and other places in Germany and Switzerland. In 1885 he went from Zurich to Paris, remaining there until 1889, when he returned to Sweden. Coming to this country in 1892, he located in Erie, Pa., and later in Rockford, Ill. He came to Chicago in 1894 and secured a position with Joseph Dux, the well-known architectural sculptor, under whom he has worked ever since as molder and designer. Mr. Anderson's work adorns many of Chicagos finest club houses, depots, commercial houses and residences.

LOUIS A. LEVIN

was born in Öknaby, Gellersta parish, Örebro län, Sweden, Dec. 12, 1842. He arrived in America June 7, 1868. Proceeding to Chicago



LOUIS A. LEVIN

he took up his permanent residence here, and after some years engaged in the wholesale tea and coffee

trade, which he has followed uninterruptedly for twenty-eight years.

Mr. Levin has never married.

JOHN E. ERICSON,

civil engineer, was born in Upland, Sweden, Oct. 21, 1858, his father,



JOHN ERNST ERICSON

Anders Ericson, owning an estate, known as Lockstaholm. His father died in 1894, but his mother still survives. He received a common school and collegiate education at Norrtelje and Upsala, graduating from the Royal Polytechnic Institute, Stockholm, in 1880. Soon after he was appointed assistant engineer of the Vasa Bridge, Stockholm, which position he retained for one year, until emigrating to America in June, 1881. Arriving here, he was made resident engineer of the Toledo, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, and the following year accepted a position as bridge designer with Hopkins & Co. of St. Louis. From the fall of 1882 to the spring of 1884 he was assistant engineer for the U. S. government on the Illinois and Mississippi canal investigation. In the last named year he was employed by the city of Chicago as draughtsman, which position he filled with such ability that he was in 1886 promoted to become assistant engineer. In 1893 he was again promoted to the position of principal assistant city engineer, followed four years later, July 6, 1897, by his advance to the position of city engineer. In 1903 he was made a member of the Board of Public Improvements. This position, although an important one, became irksome to Mr. Ericson because of its comparative inactivity. He therefore applied for his old post of city engineer and was reappointed to this office under the civil service rules.

During Mr. Ericson's employment by the city of Chicago he has superintended the construction of many important public works in the city and elsewhere. He was in local charge of the Lake View, North Shore and Sixty-eighth street tunnels. He was also assistant chief engineer for the location and design of the new water works at Seattle, Wash. During his service as assistant city engineer Mr. Ericson was in charge of all tunnel and crib construction and made the plans and specifications for twelve miles of new tunnels, together with two new pumping stations, each station to have four twenty-million gallon triple

expansion pumping engines. Mr. Ericson has also overhauled all the engines of the various pumping stations, entailing a vast amount of detail work. All the extensive improvements to the water works system of Chicago have called for engineering and executive ability of the highest order, and Mr. Ericson has amply met the expectations of the citizens as well as of the administration. About 70 per cent. of the Chicago water works system has been designed and constructed under Mr. Ericson's supervision.

As an engineer Mr. Ericson stands in the foremost rank. In all the public positions which he has held he has given eminent satisfaction and many of his works stand as monuments to his engineering skill.

He is a member of the Western Society of Engineers, Chicago Academy of Sciences, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, also of the Chicago Athletic Association and the Swedish Glee Club, being president of the latter for some years, and several Masonic lodges. He has traveled extensively through Sweden, Norway, Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, the United States and the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. Ericson was married July 11, 1888, to Miss Inez Lydia Malmgren of Chicago, who died in 1893. Three years after, on June 30, 1896, he wedded her sister, Esther Elizabeth Malmgren. They were daughters of the late Anders Fredrik and Lydia Elizabeth Malmgren of Chicago. Mr. Ericson has a daughter, Mildred Inez, born May 10, 1889, of his first wife.

In the exercise of his duties as city engineer of Chicago, Mr. Ericson has prepared a number of special reports printed in pamphlet form, bearing on such topics as the water supply, street railways and the lowering of the tunnels under the Chicago River. He is also the author of several papers on technical subjects, read before various engineering societies.

In 1906 Mr. Ericson was granted a year's vacation with full pay, retaining meanwhile the position of consulting engineer.

In April, 1907, he again assumed full charge as city engineer at the request of the municipal government.

JOHN GOTTFRID CARLSON was born at Böne, Vestergötland, Sweden, Nov. 29, 1835. With a public school education acquired in his native place he emigrated to America in 1852 in company with his parents, his father dying three years after their arrival in Chicago.

As a young man he learned the tailor's trade which he followed for some time. Subsequently he joined the city fire department from which he was retired on a pension at the age limit after forty years' service, including thirty-one years as captain of his brigade. He is one of the charter members of the Immanuel Swedish Luth. Church

and has served in the capacity of deacon for many years back.

March 8, 1873, Mr. Carlson was



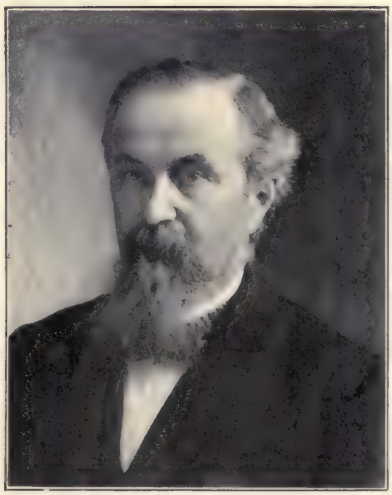
JOHN GOTTFRID CARLSON

married to Miss Matilda Johnson of Chicago, born Apr. 17, 1844. Of three children a son and a daughter are living. They are, Albert G., born Dec. 14, 1873, married to Miss Kathryn Mack, and Hildur J., born July 11, 1875, who is now Mrs. Eugene W. Dahl.

MATTHIAS WAHLSTROM

was called to the position of superintendent of Augustana Hospital, from that of president of Gustavus Adolpus College at St. Peter, Minn. where, in the main, his life work has been performed.

He was born in the province of Blekinge, Sweden, Nov. 28. 1851. His parents came to the United States in 1854, first locating in Chicago, and then living for short periods at Geneva, Montgomery, and Aurora, Ill., until 1861, when they settled in West Union, Carver county, Minn. The son attended St. Ansgar's Academy 1869–71, and in the latter year entered Augustana College, at Paxton, Ill., which institution was removed to Rock Island before he graduated, in 1877. Mr. Wahlstrom taught in St. Ansgar's Academy in 1874–75, and acted as parochial school teacher during summer vacations while a student. Having completed the college course, he continued his studies in the theological seminary at Augustana for two years, graduating in 1879 and being ordained minister by the Augustana Synod at its meeting in Chicago in June of the same year.



MATTHIAS WAHLSTROM

July 6, following, he was married to Miss Selma C. Ekstrom of Lindsborg, Kas., and then left for the mission field, laboring among the Indians of the West and Southwest in 1879 and 1880,

meanwhile traveling extensively in Colorado, New Mexico and Indian Territory.

In the fall of 1880, Mr. Wahlstrom accepted a call to teach at Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Minn. The following year he was elected president of the institution. For twenty-three years he remained at the head of the institution and saw it grow from a small academy with a single department to a full college, with five departments in all, annually enrolling from 300 to 400 students and graduating 50 to 70 every year.

Augustana College in 1886 conferred on Prof. Wahlstrom the degree of A. M., and in 1894 that of Ph. D. In November, 1901, by order of King Oscar II of Sweden, he was created a knight of the Order of the North Star by the Rt. Rev. Bishop K. H. G. von Schéele of Gotland, Sweden, then on a visit to the United States. Dr. Wahlstrom is a life member of the American Bible Society.

For several years he served as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran churches at Le Sueur and St. Peter, Minn. In 1904 Dr. Wahlstrom resigned the presidency of Gustavus Adolphus College and about the same time he was elected by the Illinois Conference to the position of superintendent and chaplain of Augustana Hospital, and assumed his duties in September of the same year.

Dr. Wahlstrom is a forceful public speaker, and the quarter century he has devoted to school work has given him front rank among Swedish-American educators.

His married life has been blessed with three sons and four daughters, here named in the order of their birth: Hilding Timotheus, Edna Frideborg, deceased, Annette Frideborg, Ruth Eleonor, Edna Constance, Einar Anselm and Maurice Geijer.

FERDINAND ENGELBRECTSON

was born in Göteborg, Sweden, April 27, 1862. In November,



FERDINAND ENGELBRECTSON

1888, he passed a successful examination in surgery before the Royal Medical Department in Stockholm. Discontented with the opportunities open to him in Sweden, he left Göteborg for London in October, 1890. From this place he went to Alexandria, Egypt, and thence back to England. He next

went to New York, arriving in January, 1891, and remained until August, 1893, when he removed to Chicago, where he has been permanently located as practicing masseur ever since that time.

In April, 1901, he married Miss Agnes Bergendorff from Falköping, Sweden. The same year he was appointed clinical demonstrator in massage and medical gymnastics at the Northwestern University Medical School. Mr. Engelbrectson graduated as Doctor of Medicine from Dearborn Medical College in Chicago June 27, 1907.

EMANUEL OSTERHOLM

was born Feb. 27, 1869, in Östra Emtervik, Vermland, Sweden.



EMANUEL OSTERHOLM

His parents were Magnus Osterholm, a carpenter and farmer, and Anna Maria, née Anderson. After leaving the public school, he worked as a farm hand until 1887, when he emigrated to America, destined for Chicago. Here he went to work as a painter, sticking to that trade until 1894, when he opened a paint and wall paper store in partnership with Robert Anderson, under the firm name of Anderson and Osterholm. Contracting for painting and decorating is the principal item in their business. They began by employing five men and now employ about fifty. Their business has increased very extensively.

Outgrowing the quarters in which the firm opened up, they erected a three story store and flat building in 1898, at 1202 W. 59th st. This is their main place of business, but they also conduct a branch store at 3200 N. Clark street.

Mr. Osterholm was choirmaster of the Swedish Mission Church of Englewood for several years. He is now a member of the Swedish Mission Church in Lake View. His brother is Albin N. Österholm of Superior, Wis., who has poetical ability, as shown in a volume of verse, published several years ago.

Mr. Osterholm was on June 20, 1900, married to Hannah Mathilda Swenson, of Chicago, born Jan. 14, 1875. They have a son, Philip Emanuel, born April 1, 1901.

AXEL LUDVIG NYSTROM,

a clergyman in the Mission Church, was born in Kristiania, Norway, July 8, 1872, his parents having come from the Swedish province of Vermland. The family emi-

grated and located on a farm in Grass Lake, Kanabec co., Minn. in 1876. At thirteen he went to

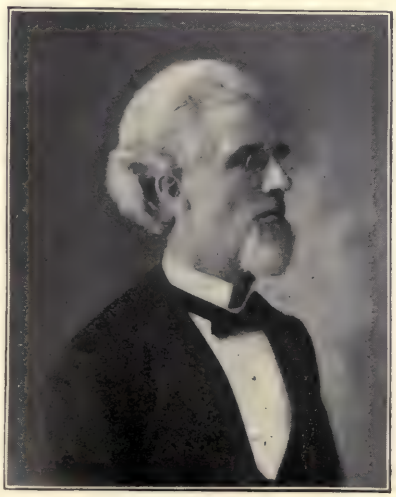


AXEL LUDVIG NYSTROM

West Superior, Wis. and worked there as salesman in a clothing store. In 1892, he entered the Ev. Mission Covenant Theological Seminary and completed his studies for the ministry at North Park College in the spring of 1895. He afterward took a special course at Knox College and also studied for some time at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans. In 1895 he was given his first pastoral charge, that of the Swedish Mission Church at West Burlington, Iowa. In December, 1900, he accepted a call from the Swedish Congregational Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1901, the Rev. Mr. Nyström came to Chicago and assumed the pastorate of the Swedish Mission Church in Englewood, and is still retaining that charge. He is married to Miss Mollin Miller of Burlington, Iowa, and resides at 5849 Carpenter st.

KARL H. ELMSTRÖM,

minister in the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, was born Aug. 20, 1850, in the city of Karlskrona, Sweden. While attending the collegiate school there, he came under the influence of Methodism through Rev. Sörlin, and after his graduation felt prompted to devote himself to the ministry in that church. The opposition of his parents, however, forced him to abandon this plan. Instead he entered Fjellstedt Theological



KARL H. ELMSTRÖM

Seminary in Upsala with the intention of becoming a Lutheran pastor. During his three years' stay here he had the permission of Archbishop Sundberg to preach in four different churches of the archbishopric. At the end of this period he again, in 1872, came

in close touch with the Methodists in Stockholm, and after having had conversations with several of the older ministers, whose acquaintance he had formed in Karlskrona, he resolved to join the Methodist Church. He was ordained in 1875 as deacon and in 1877 as elder. In Sweden he labored in the ministry for about ten years, having charge, successively, of the Methodist congregations in Örebro, Halsberg, Göteborg, Upsala, Jönköping and Stockholm.

In 1882 the Rev. Mr. Elmström emigrated to America, where his first charge was at Beaver, Ill. Next his charges were on the west side in Chicago for three years, in Minneapolis for three years and again on the west side in Chicago for three years, on the north side for three years, and finally for two years in Jamestown, N. Y. From Oct. 1, 1898, until 1903 he was editor of *Sändebudet*, resigning to assume the pastorate of the First Swedish M. E. Church of Chicago.

The Rev. Mr. Elmström married Miss Jennie Fröberg of Stockholm, Sweden, in 1873. Of their four children, two daughters survive.

GUSTAF C. BROBERG,

general steamship agent, was born in the city of Nyköping, Sweden, Oct. 20, 1858. As a boy, he was sent to a relative in Stockholm to study. He was restless, however, and soon hired out as a member of the crew of a sailing vessel, bound for England. For several years he led the life of a young tar, visiting many parts of the world.

In 1877, having concluded to become a landlubber, he embarked



GUSTAF CASPER BROBERG

for New York City, going from there to Buffalo and later to Chicago. Mr. Broberg here became a sub-agent for a railroad, and in that capacity secured much of the immigration business for his road. After gaining experience he established a steamship and railroad ticket agency, making a specialty of the passenger traffic to and from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. His office is in his own building, 67 E. Kinzie st.

In 1890 Mr. Broberg started publishing *Humoristen*, a comic weekly, the successive editors of which were Ville Åkerberg, Oliver Linder, Ernst Lindblom and Gustaf Wicklund. In 1890 the paper was changed to a weekly general newspaper, entitled *Svenska Nyheter*. It grew from a smaller size to a 7-col-

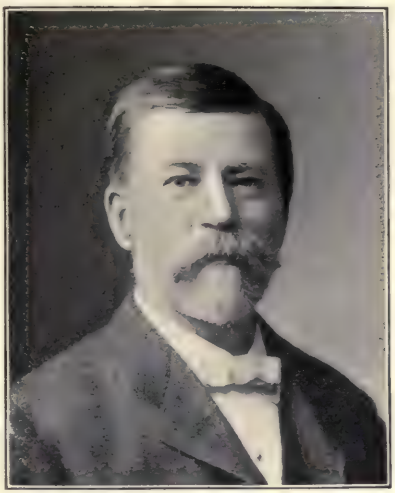
umn, 12 page paper, and then to 16 pages. In July, 1906, *Svenska Nyheter* and *Svenska Tribunen*, a similar newspaper, were consolidated and are now published under the hyphenated name of *Svenska Tribunen-Nyheter*. Early in 1907 Mr. Broberg sold his interest in the newspaper, and now devotes himself to his ticket agency.

Mr. Broberg was married in 1884 to Miss Bertha Gloor, with whom he has a daughter, thirteen years old. The family residence is at 1152 Sheridan road.

Mr. Broberg is a member of the Swedish Glee Club, Svithiod Lodge No. 1, King Oscar Lodge A. F. & A. M., Lincoln Park Chapter of St. Bernard Commandery and of Medinah Temple. At the World's Fair in Chicago Mr. Broberg was corresponding secretary of the Scandinavian Auxiliary Committee.

JOHN MARTENSON,

publisher of the weekly religious newspaper, *Chicago-Bladet*, is the son of Abraham Martenson, a laborer of Jönköping, Sweden, and his wife, Charlotta Falk. He was born in that city March 25, 1850. After attending common school for two or three years the boy worked for an upholsterer until ten years of age when he got a job as errand boy in a printing shop in his home town, and worked at the type case there and in Stockholm for the next six years, or until he emigrated in 1867. He went as far west as his money would take him, stopping at Grand Rapids, Mich., where he got work in a sawmill. He was variously employed in shingle and lumber mills, and at log cutting



JOHN MARTENSON

and log driving until 1869, when, after a trip down the Mississippi on a lumber raft, he passed through Chicago and decided to take up his old trade in that city. He worked as compositor on the Swedish newspaper *Hemlandet* up to 1874, when he took the position of foreman in the printing office of *Svenska Amerikanaren*, another Swedish newspaper, continuing there until the latter part of 1876. In February, the following year, Mr. Martenson started *Chicago-Bladet* and has been its publisher up to the present time.

Mr. Martenson comes from a pious family, which for two generations had been identified with the revivalists known as Readers. His father was one of the first of these in Jönköping. Mr. Martenson's maternal grandfather, Abram

Falk, was a farmer-poet, who wrote many religious songs, including the well-known hymn beginning, "Öppet står Jesu förbarmande hjärta." Mr. Martenson's activity as editor and publisher has received its character from the early influences of his home. His paper, while independent, is generally accepted as the organ of the Free Mission Church. He is also the publisher of *Columba*, a fortnightly paper for juvenile readers.

Mr. Martenson is a member of the Oak Street Swedish Mission Church, of which he has served as trustee and treasurer for about twenty-five years. He ranks as one of the leaders of that group of believers denominated as Free Mission Friends and was in fact one of the fathers of this movement.

Mr. Martenson was married Sept. 27, 1871, to Sarah Anderson, a daughter of Anders and Christina Jonsson, born in Rydaholm, Sweden, June 2, 1854. Of four children born to them two died in early years. The survivors, John Victor and Alma Emilia, are both married.

The Martenson family resides at 1540 Aldine ave., and the office of *Chicago-Bladet* is at 205 Oak st.

FRANK W. ISBERG

is a native of Chicago. Born in this city April 8, 1871, he was educated in its public schools. After reaching mature years, he became superintendent for H. C. Tillinghast & Co., manufacturers of cut leather. In 1902, Mr. Isberg bought out his employers' interests. As far



FRANK W. ISBERG

as he knows, he is the only Swede by birth or descent in the West engaged in this line of business. The firm is styled F. W. Isberg & Co., and its place of business is at 193 Lake st.

Mr. Isberg is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

CARL F. BRUSÉN

was born July 22, 1871, in Hallingeberg parish, Småland, Sweden. He learned the tailor's trade from his father at home. Coming to America and locating in Chicago, he worked for various tailoring establishments and learned also the art of cutting. Thus equipped, he started in business for himself as a merchant tailor in 1897, at 1643 N. Clark st., his present location.

Mr. Brusén was married in 1900 to Miss Constance Johanson. He is a member of several Swedish



CARL FREDRIK BRUSÉN

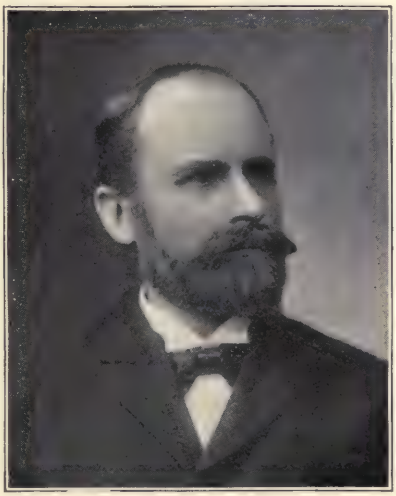
societies and has served as president of the Orpheus Singing Club.

CLAES FLODIN,

manufacturer, was born in Jönköping, Sweden, July 6, 1848. His parents were Carl Flodin, superintendent of the Barnängen Manufacturing Company's works at Stockholm, and Lovisa Svenson Flodin. The son attended public and private school. In 1872 he left home for America, arriving July 2. He proceeded to Chicago, where he worked at the metal trades. For upwards of twenty-five years he has been junior member of the firm of Goetz & Flodin, 133 W. Chicago ave., manufacturers of copper and sheet iron tanks.

Mr. Flodin was for eighteen years president of the First Swedish Building and Loan Association. He belongs to the Swedish Ev. Lutheran Mission Church in Lake View and has been a trustee of the North Side Mission Church.

Mr. Flodin is married to Emma O. Larson, daughter of A. Larson, a coppersmith, and Anna Larson from Sätersfors, Habo parish, Vestergötland, Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Flodin's children are eight in number, Hilma C., Benjamin A., Rudolph A., Agnes O., Ida E., Ha-



CLAES FLODIN

rald L., Arnold and Elmer E. Flodin.

CHARLES E. SPAAK

was born Oct. 21, 1865, in Elfsborgs län, Sweden. His father, Pehr Henric Spaak, was well-known in the province. The early instruction given Charles Spaak was private, but at twelve years of age he entered the Jönköping collegiate school. From there he went to Örebro and studied at the

Technical Institute at that place. Upon his graduation in 1885 he immediately left for the United



CHARLES ERIK SPAAK

States. Here he became engaged as draughtsman in 1885–1886 at the headquarters of the U. S. Government Engineering Corps in Chicago. From 1886–87 he assisted in the preliminary work for the Chicago drainage canal and from 1887–88 he was assistant engineer during the laying of the cable system in St. Louis, Mo. In 1888–89 he held a position as inspector and draughtsman for the U. S. Government Engineering Corps. After working for one year in this capacity he accepted the position of assistant city engineer in Seattle, Wash., from which he soon resigned to become assistant engineer for the Great Northern Railway. April 1, 1892, he returned to Chicago as assistant engineer with the Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Co. This position he held until in 1898 he became chief engineer with the same company, his present position.

Mr. Spaak was married to Miss Anna Gerda Hessler July 5, 1894. Their two sons are Carl Per Harald, born Aug. 15, 1897, and Gilbert Henric, born April 11, 1899.

CHARLES RUDOLPH NELSON

was born in Ulricehamn, Sweden, January 26, 1859. His father was John Nelson, a cabinet maker. His mother's maiden name was Matilda Hedlund.

The family emigrated to this country in 1865 and proceeded to Chicago. In common with so many others they were burned out in the fire of 1871. Charles attended the public school until



CHARLES RUDOLPH NELSON

1875 when he started to learn the printer's trade which he continued until 1883. After a few more years of experience in business he became in 1888, head of the sales department of the Ames and Frost

Co. For ten years he remained with the house, afterward assuming management of the Tengwall File and Ledger Co., in Ravenswood. In 1903 Mr. Nelson was attracted to St. Louis where he was, until 1906, vice president and general superintendent of Lieber & Trussell Co. Mr. Nelson is now president of the Nelson Corporation, 231 Monroe st., where loose-leaf devices are manufactured. He has invented no less than 26 loose-leaf devices, a paper punching machine and a rattan splitting machine. Some of these devices are used by the U. S. government. His business has taken him to nearly all the larger cities of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Nelson is one of the early settlers of Ravenswood, having moved there when there were truck farms all around his home. From that time he has been identified with its rapid improvement and advance. He is president of the Republican precinct club and belongs to Royal League, Royal Arcanum, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, National Union, Ravenswood Blue Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Columbia Chapter, St. Bernard Commandery, Medinah Shrine, Prince of Chaldeans, and to the Chicago Athletic Club.

Mr. Nelson was married July 22, 1882, to Viola May Newell, born in Chicago, May 27, 1861, her parents being Samuel B. and Margaret Newell. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born, Clarence Richard, in 1883; Lulu Irene, in 1884; Ethel May in 1886; Marshall Burr, in 1887; Wilbur Alvord, in 1892; Ruth Eleanor, in 1901, and Florence Helen in 1904. The family resides at 2881 N. Paulina st., and belongs to Ravenswood M. E. Church. Mr. Nelson has been a member of the official board of the church and the chorister of the Sunday school for many years.

HENRY S. HENSCHEN

was born July 29, 1873, in Brooklyn, N. Y., attended public schools



HENRY SAMUEL HENSCHEN

in Evanston, Ill., and Jamestown, N. Y., and removed in 1885 to Sweden with his parents. After attending school two years in Stockholm and two years in Upsala, he returned to the United States in 1889.

The same year he entered the employ of Haugan and Lindgren, bankers, Chicago, and has ever since been connected with the institution, now known as State

Bank of Chicago. In 1898 he was made manager of the Bond and Foreign Exchange Department and in 1901 promoted to Assistant Cashier.

From 1893 to 1896 he attended evening classes in the Chicago College of Law, was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1895 and in 1898 received the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

He has at times filled the position of Acting Vice Consul for Sweden in Chicago.

Mr. Henschen was married in 1898, to Miss Edith M. C. Mountain and has one son. His home is at 728 Pine Grove ave.

Mr. Henschen is a member of the Union League Club and the Bankers' Club and of Grace M. E. Church.

NELS NELSON

is an insurance man, well known to Swedish-Americans in general from his connection with the Scandinavian Mutual Aid Association of Galesburg, Ill., as its secretary for a period of nineteen years.

He was born in Weinge parish, Halland, Sweden, July 13, 1840, the son of Nils Bengtson, a farmer and carpenter, and his wife, Johanna Johansson. His parents with four children emigrated to America in 1854, but owing to insufficient means, Nels was left behind with friends. The family arrived in Chicago during the cholera epidemic of 1854, and the father and one son died from that disease soon after. In 1856 Nels left Sweden, coming to this country in July and settling at Galesburg. There young Nelson attended the public schools, worked for



NELS NELSON

farmers in that locality, and for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R. Company, also serving a short apprenticeship with a cabinetmaker, until 1861. That year he volunteered for service in the Union army, served four and a half years and in March, 1865, was promoted for meritorious service to the rank of first lieutenant. Mr. Nelson was a member of Company C, 43d Illinois Volunteers, which company was made up of Swedes. He began service as a sergeant of the company.

At the close of the war Mr. Nelson went into business in Galesburg. In 1871 he was elected city treasurer and served in that capacity for five years, being re-elected each year up to 1875 inclusive. He now devoted himself to his private business until 1883, when

he was elected secretary of the Scandinavian Mutual Aid Association, a life insurance company on the assessment plan, a position held by him until 1902. When the business of the Association was by a vote of the necessary majority of its members transferred to the Scandia Mutual Life Insurance Company of Chicago, also an assessment organization, on the 29th day of August, 1902, Mr. Nelson severed his connection with the association and remained in Galesburg.

The following spring he was again elected treasurer of the city for a term of two years. At the expiration of the term in April, 1905, the Scandia Mutual Life was reorganized on the legal reserve basis and placed on a perfectly sound footing. Then, upon the invitation of the management of the company, now the Scandia Life Insurance Company, Mr. Nelson went to Chicago to assist in the management of its affairs at the head office, where he is now engaged.

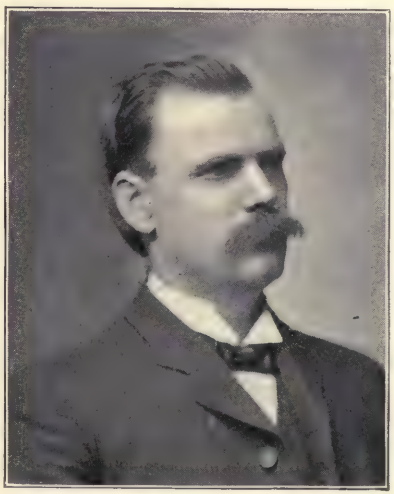
In 1868 Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Sarah Nelson of Galesburg, daughter of Nils Pålsson. She died Dec. 7, 1898. The issue of their union was two children, Arthur Ulrich, born July 29, 1869, and Edmund Linnea, who died in infancy. Arthur Nelson is married to Miss Anna E. Westerberg of Galesburg, and resides there.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Galesburg, and served for fourteen consecutive years on the board of trustees and was its treasurer. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

While living in Galesburg, Mr. Nelson served the city in many other capacities besides that of city treasurer. He was a member of the Board of Supervisors for 15 years, of the Board of Education for 4 years and of the Public Library Board for 7 years.

CARL VALLENTIN

was born at Fredriksberg, in the province of Småland, Sweden,



CARL VALLENTIN

May 10, 1858. He came to this country with his parents in 1870 and settled in Moline, Ill. For a few years he followed his father's trade as a blacksmith and worked for the Moline Plow Co.

His education was obtained at Augustana College. When twenty years of age he began to teach school and continued in this occupation for three years.

When the insurance society known as the Scandinavian Mutual Aid Association of Galesburg was organized, he accepted a position as their general agent and traveled extensively for a number of years.

In 1886 he started a book and music store in Minneapolis, Minn. While in this business he published a journal, called *Hemmet*, and a Swedish cookbook.

In 1890 Mr. Vallentin came to Chicago and opened a real estate office, with Mr. Charles Berg as a partner.

When the Svea Building and Loan Association of Chicago was organized, he was one of the promoters and officiated as vice-president and treasurer until the spring of 1896.

In June of that year he went to Europe, making a tour of Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France and England.

In 1897 he became a member of the firm known as the Svea Land Colony, which for the last decade has been engaged in colonizing and developing Silverhill, Alabama. Mr. Vallentin more recently interested himself in a gold mining enterprise, known as the Telma Gold Mining Co., and is identified with other financial enterprises.

Mr. Vallentin is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Englewood, where he has resided for some twelve years.

CHARLES J. DAHLQUIST

was born June 13, 1862, in Kinneved parish, Vestergötland, Swe-



CHARLES J. DAHLQUIST

den. He was educated in the public schools of his native land. Oct. 12, 1881, he came to America and took up his abode in Chicago. Mr. Dahlquist is a shoe dealer, having started in business with a Mr. Swanson in 1895, in Englewood. The firm is now Burkdahl & Dahlquist, located at 511 W. 63d st.

His wife is Maria Dahlquist, née Borg, and their children are: Ellen, Carl, Martin and Juliet.

Mr. Dahlquist is a member of the Salem Swedish Lutheran congregation in Chicago, where he has been a Sunday school teacher for many years.

CHARLES E. SCHLYTERN,

president of the Union Bank of Chicago, was born in Svartlå,

Öfver Luleå parish, Sweden, Jan. 17, 1853, the son of C. O. Schlytern, a large manufacturer, and



CHARLES E. SCHLYTERN

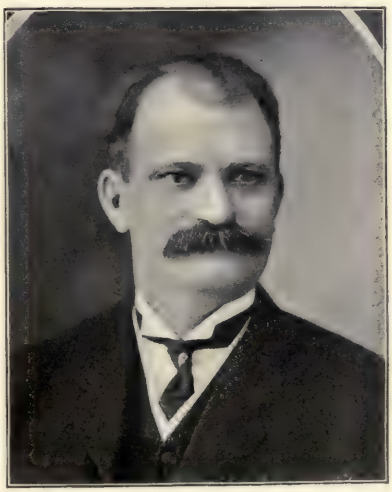
his wife Anna, née Sjöding. During the years 1862–1871, he attended the collegiate schools at Luleå and Umeå. Shortly after graduating, in 1871, he went to the United States, spending the next two years in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, working as wood-cutter, a farm hand and railroad laborer and doing whatever work was offered. Subsequently he located in Chicago. Until 1879 he was employed in various offices in the city; after that time he was for ten years chief clerk in the Johnson Chair Co's. factory, and subsequently for twelve years, 1889–1901, cashier of the Milwaukee ave. State Bank.

In August, 1901, he engaged in the real estate and mortgage loan business at 825 Milwaukee ave., in partnership with John A. Prebis. When, in 1905, the Union Bank of Chicago was organized by a number of Swedes and Norwegians of Chicago, Mr. Schlytern was elected president of the bank. This institution which is a state bank, was capitalized at $200,000, with a reserve fund of $25,000, and began business May 1, 1905. At the end of the month the deposits were $108,565.63. In two years, May 1, 1907, they had increased to $648,458.

Mr. Schlytern was married in 1889, to Edith G. Isbell, of American parentage. They have one child, a son. Mr. Schlytern is a Republican in politics.

SVEN P. SWANSON

was born in Hinneryd, Småland, Sweden, March 3, 1853. He emi-



SVEN P. SWANSON

grated to America in 1872, locating first in Chicago, then in Minneapolis, and later on in Chicago again. He is a cutter by trade

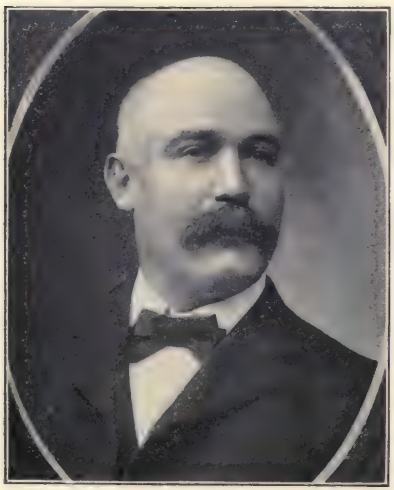
and at present connected with Barret R. Hall.

Mr. Swenson is a member of the Illinois Encampment No. 2, First Swedish Lodge of I. O. O. F., K. P. and King Oscar Lodge of Free Masons.

He was married to Sophie Lundquist Jan. 14, 1884, and has a son, Earl Grover.

P. AXEL BLOMFELDT

was born at Eknö estate, Björkskog parish, Vestmanland, Sweden,



P. AXEL BLOMFELDT

April 10, 1858. Having finished in the common school, he entered at fifteen years of age as an apprentice in the works of the Köping Manufacturing Company. Four years later he left and was employed in a similar plant at Ljusne for three years. A desire to seek his fortune in the New World had been steadily growing with him, and at twenty-three he bade farewell to his fatherland. He arrived in Chicago May 2, 1881. Immediately after his arrival he secured employment at his trade as a mechanic, and for fifteen years occupied his time in constantly improving his mechanical skill and acquiring American methods.

In 1896 Mr. Blomfeldt formed a partnership with another skilled Swedish-American mechanic, Mr. O. Rapp, for the purpose of manufacturing dies, tools and other machinery specialties, and they began business under the firm name of Blomfeldt & Rapp, at 34 Market st. Besides having a large trade in the United States, the firm has made considerable shipments to Canada, Central and South America, Japan, and even to England and Germany. Their shop is now at 39 W. Randolph st.

Aside from his reputation as a business man, Mr. Blomfeldt is well known for his public spirit, his liberality and his interest in patriotic and social organizations. The fraternal order of Svithiod owes its present standing and prosperous condition largely to Mr. Blomfeldt's enthusiastic leadership and skillful management. Being one of the first members of Svithiod Lodge No. 1, he promoted the branching-out process and joined Verdandi Lodge No. 3 at its organization in 1890. When in July, 1893, all the Svithiod lodges were organized into a grand lodge, Mr. Blomfeldt was almost unanimously chosen its first Grand Master. A few years later the treasurership of the order was en-

trusted to him, and during his services in this capacity more than $200,000 have passed through his hands, all of which has been handled and accounted for in the most business-like manner.

He is a member of the Svithiod Singing Club.

Mr. Blomfeldt and Miss Emily Samuelson were married Sept. 21, 1895, and their union has been blessed with one child. The Blomfeldt residence is at 3990 Perry st., Rogers Park.

FRANK ROSENGREN

was born Dec. 17, 1846, in Stockholm, Sweden. Having studied



FRANK ROSENGREN

in the naval school in Stockholm, he emigrated to America in 1866, stopping in Chicago, where he has resided ever since.

Mr. Rosengren was connected with the Gormully & Jeffery Manufacturing Co. for over twenty-two years. He is at present associated with George T. and F. W. Rosengren and Chas. W. Nelson in the manufacturing business, under the name of the Enterprise Tool and Metal Works, incorporated, at 141 S. Clinton st.

Mr. Rosengren was married in 1870, and has five children, mostly married. He is one of the oldest Swedish Odd Fellows in Chicago, having joined the order in 1868.

FRANK G. GUSTAFSON

was born in Sköfde parish, province of Vestergötland, Sweden,



FRANK G. GUSTAFSON

on Nov. 8, 1863. His father was Gustaf Anderson, who by industry and thrift had risen from hired hand through the intermediate stage of foreman to owner of a farm. His son Frank who was one of a family of eight children, spent his early years on the farm, attending school at intervals. At the age of seventeen years he went to Stockholm and worked at the

mason's trade. For a time he attended Tekniska Skolan and Byggnadsyrkesskolan in order to learn the theoretical side of mason construction and general architecture. He continued there, working as a mason until 1887 when he came over to Chicago, obtaining employment at his trade. As soon as he had the language sufficiently at his command he attended an evening technical school, further improving his theoretical knowledge of building construction. After a few years' experience he became a builder and contractor. As such he has erected a number of the most modern structures in the city, aiding materially in the upbuilding of residential Chicago.

Mr. Gustafson has a tenor voice which in the upper register is sweet, clear, and powerful withal. This has made him a much sought for member of male choruses in Stockholm and in Chicago. For a number of years he has been an active member of the Swedish Glee Club, and has acted as director and vice-president of the club. In 1897 he took part in the concert-tour to Sweden, made by the American Union of Swedish Singers. He belongs to the Builders' and Masons' Association. In 1893 Mr. Gustafson was married to Miss Maria Svenson. They reside at 735 51st st., Chicago.

CHARLES G. CHINLUND

was born Sept. 4, 1849, in Kinnared, Hössna parish, Elfsborgs län. His parents were Anders Johan Larson, and Johanna Johansdotter who both lived on the farm until their respective deaths,



CHARLES GUSTAF CHINLUND

the former passing away in 1888. Gustaf, as he was then called, attended the public school until he was confirmed in 1864. In 1871 he emigrated to America, landing at Boston, and came direct to Chicago. He arrived Oct. 18, one week after the Chicago fire. Employment was secured at once in clearing away the ruins. For a year he was engaged in the building trade. In 1874 he was engaged by Engberg and Holmberg as a salesman of Swedish publications. He has since remained with this firm except during 1889-1891 when he was a stockholder in the Concordia Publishing Co., and manager for the Framåt Pub. Co.

Mr. Chinlund was a member of the Immanuel Church from 1874 until 1885. He served six years

as collector and from 1883 to 1885 as deacon. In 1884 Mr. Chinlund secured a home in Baxter st., now Osgood st. This resulted in his joining the Trinity Church, where he was a deacon for nine years and Sunday school superintendent for seven years. Mr. Chinlund has been a member of the Messiah English Lutheran Church since its organization in 1896, and has been a deacon during this period. In 1871 Mr. Chinlund was married to Wilhelmina C. O. Nelson, born April 24, 1851, in Böne parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden. They have five sons and five daughters, viz.: Emil Gottfrid, born 1872 (now pastor in Lincoln, Neb., and married to Alma Swenson of Chicago); Ellen Theresia, born 1876 (married to Dr. John N. Sandblom, dean of the dental department, New Technical Institute of Christiania); Carl Theodore, born 1878, (employed with Gage Bros., millinery); Victor Immanuel, born 1880 (married to Elsa Bergman of Chicago); Anna Wilhelmina, born 1883 (graduate of Columbia School of Music, teacher of piano); Edith Josefina, born 1884; Joseph Ferdinand, born 1886; Ruth Eveline, born 1888; Edwin Fridolf, born 1890; Mildred Augusta, born 1892.

WILLIAM R. ANDERSON

was born in Chicago Nov. 1, 1875, and attended public schools and high school until 1890. For several years he devoted himself to business. He soon, however, began studying law, and graduated from Chicago College of Law after taking a three years' course,



WILLIAM R. ANDERSON

receiving the degree of LL. B. Shortly thereafter he took the state examination for admission to the bar and received his license to practice in 1899.

Since that time he has been associated with his brother, G. Bernhard Anderson, in the practice of law, the firm being known as Anderson and Anderson, with offices at 100 Washington st.

ANDREW SWANSON

was born in the city of Malmö, Sweden, April 30, 1853. After attending the public school, he learned the mason's trade. In 1880 he emigrated to this country, with Chicago as his destination. He was superintendent for several large contracting firms for a num-

ber of years. By 1891 he had saved a sufficient capital to start operations on his own account.



ANDREW SWANSON

Among the large buildings he has erected may be mentioned the Augustana Hospital, partially built in 1892–93 at a cost of $85,000, and completed in 1905 by means of an annex costing about $100,000 and doubling the capacity of the institution.

In 1878 he was married to Matilda Nelson from Ronneby, Sweden. Their only child, Elizabeth, in June, 1906, married Dr. Aaron M. Olson.

Mr. Swanson is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, and also of the Masons' and Builders' Association of Chicago.

LARS E. FREDRIKSON

was born June 24, 1877, in Lockne parish, Jemtland, Sweden. At thirteen years of age he became apprenticed to a painter and decorator, a trade for which he showed so much aptitude that the parish authorities granted him a stipend to visit the Exhibition of Stockholm in 1897. In 1901 he came to America and Chicago. During his first year in this country he painted an altar piece for the Swedish Lutheran church in Port Wing, Wis., the painting being a copy of an old masterpiece, representing Christ and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Mr. Fredrikson has also done the interior decoration in the church



LARS EMANUEL FREDRIKSON

in Brainerd, Minn., where he now resides.

Among his original paintings are a number of well-executed landscapes. Mr. Fredrikson's work so far gives promise of still greater results in the future. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

NEANDER N. CRONHOLM,

counselor at law, is the descendant of an old prominent family



NEANDER N. CRONHOLM

in Sweden, and was born in Nov. 19, 1843. His ancestors held large possessions in Finland, Livonia and other trans-Baltic provinces during the period of Sweden's greatness, but his grandfather, George Cronholm, who was one of the truly loyal Swedes in the wars with Russia in the latter part of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, lost everything on account of his fidelity to his fatherland when Sweden lost Finland and other trans-Baltic possessions. Having sacrified all his property for his country, notwithstanding that Russia held out to him the most glittering inducements to become a Russian subject, he proved that his love and his loyalty to his fatherland were dearer to him than the most dazzling imperial favors. His estates were confiscated, plundered or destroyed. Everything was swept away save his loyalty, courage and honor.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest son of his father's family. He was carefully educated, particularly in military tactics and civil engineering, advanced rapidly, and the future looked bright and hopeful. When the great Civil War broke out between the North and the South, he desired to become identified with it; but owing to the responsible position occupied by him at that time, he was unable to secure leave of absence, and hence did not come to America until the spring of 1867.

Upon his arrival in America, he traveled all over the country and was much impressed with its greatness and with the many opportunities offered to win an exalted position in business and social life. He determined to remain, and accordingly renounced allegiance to Sweden, and in 1869 entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, from which institution he graduated with distinction, obtaining the degree of Master of Arts in 1873. He then entered the law and postgraduate departments of Yale University, and in July, 1875, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He was a classmate of the late President Harper of the University of Chicago. He also studied law in the University of New York, and received therefrom the degree of LL. B. In 1875 and 1876 he traveled

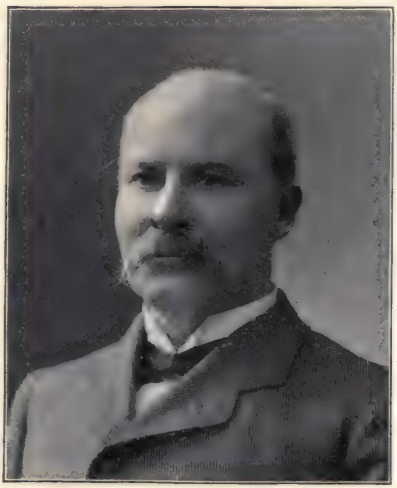
extensively, visiting Russia, Germany, Austria, France and part of Asia and Africa. He remained for some time at Florence and Rome.

Mr. Cronholm began his practice at the New York bar, being with the firm of Brewster, Miller, Peet and Opdyke, but in January, 1878, removed to Chicago, where he has since practiced his profession with success. On several occasions he has presided at the great Swedish anniversaries. He is of liberal opinions, a lover and and patron of learning and athletics, and has encouraged the introduction of Swedish gymnastics in America. He is a stanch Republican.

In 1875, when he visited his native country, he was the recipient of special favors from the king and from prominent personages there. While there he was elected a member of the Northern Jurist Association at Stockholm. He is an honorary member of several historical and antiquarian societies, and for several years was engaged on an historical work on Sweden. The result of his literary labors and historical researches was published in 1902, namely, "Cronholm's History of Sweden," in two large 8vo volumes, which historians and critics consider a standard work on Sweden. Cronholm's History of Sweden has found a ready sale among the English speaking people all over the world. Mr. Cronholm is now engaged on two other historical works.

In 1878 he was united in marriage to Culiaelma P. Frazee, of New York City, the descendant of an old colonial family. She bore him one son, Neander W. P., July 24, 1883, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Cronholm reside at 3039 Groveland ave.

LARS GUSTAF HALLBERG, architect, was born at Venersnäs, Vestergötland, Sweden, Sept. 4,



LARS GUSTAF HALLBERG

1844. After attending common school, he enjoyed private instruction fitting him for entry at the Chalmers Institute at Göteborg. After completing the course in civil engineering, he was graduated in 1866, at the age of twenty two. He next entered the Academy of Fine Arts at Stockholm, studying architecture and germane subjects. Returning to Göteborg, he was at once employed by Westerberg, a prominent architect, for some three years. During

that time he planned and superintended the construction of a number of costly buildings at Fimmersta, the country estate of Dickson, a merchant prince of Göteborg.

When, in 1869, the city of Gefle was almost totally destroyed by fire, Mr. Hallberg went there and took an important part in the rebuilding of the city. At this time the city of Göteborg was preparing for the holding of a large agricultural and industrial exposition. The building contracts were given to Architect Westerberg who, needing assistance for the task, engaged Mr. Hallberg at the latter's own figures.

This run of prosperity awakened in Mr. Hallberg a desire of seeing the world and in 1801 he went to England. While there the news of the great Chicago fire was flooded over the world. As soon as it became known that the Chicagoans were determined to rebuild their city at once, on a greater scale, Mr. Hallberg saw his opportunity and came on to Chicago in December, directly from England. From that day to this Mr. Hallberg has resided in this city and to his architectural genius and taste modern Chicago owes much. An enumeration of some of the many structures that have been erected under his hand and eye would give only an inadequate idea of the extent of his activity. Mr. Hallberg's office is at 84 La Salle st.

Mr. Hallberg was united in marriage to Florence Estey in 1881. Four children, two daughters and two sons, have been born to them. The family residence, a home of elegance and refinement, is at Ridge ave. and Greenwood Boulevard in Evanston. Mr. Hallberg has traveled extensively for pleasure and study. The splendid success of the architect has not affected the natural modesty of the man. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and past president of the Illinois Chapter and a member of various clubs and associations.

PETER SJÖHOLM

was born July 10, 1859, in Guddastad, Östra Sallerup, Skåne,



PETER SJÖHOLM

Sweden, where his father owned a farm. Here young Sjöholm attended public school and, after having finished his schooling, assisted his father in tilling the soil

until 1881, he yielded to a desire to emigrate across the Atlantic. Upon his arrival in America he first settled in Sac county, Iowa, were he worked as a farm laborer. Then he rented a farm in Chero kee co., which he cultivated until the spring of 1885, when he went to Chicago and accepted a position in the produce commission market. In 1895 he opened up a business of his own as a dealer in poultry and game, and is so engaged at the present time. His present location is at 190 S. Water st.

June 25, 1898, Mr. Sjöholm was married to Miss Caroline B. Peterson, daughter of Andrew B. and Elva Peterson, af Maynard, Minnesota, and they have one daughter, Lillian Elizabeth, born in 1897. Mr. Sjöholm is a member of the Masonic order and of the First Swedish Baptist Church. For various periods he has served the latter as financial secretary, treasurer and trustee. Mr. Sjöholm has served as a director of the Swedish Baptist Sick Benefit Society.

CHARLES H. BARQUIST

was born in Småland, Sweden, March 10, 1866. At the age of four years he came to this country with his parents, who settled in Chicago. He attended the public schools of this city after which he accepted a position as a dry goods salesman with O. H. Carson. In 1888 he entered the employ of Marshall Field and Co., as salesman in the retail dress goods department, which position he still holds. Mr. Barquist is a member of the Im-



CHARLES HERMAN BARQUIST

manuel Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago.

He has taken an active interest in politics for a number of years, being a stanch Republican. Mr. Barquist has held the positions of secretary, vice president and of president of the Swedish Republican Club of the 25th Ward, where he resides and he is a factor in Republican politics in that ward, being precinct captain.

His home is at 1622 Grace st.

JOHN E. ANDERSON

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Sept. 11, 1860. When eight years of age he emigrated to America with his parents, Sven Johan Anderson and his wife Johanna, née Lenholm, the family locating in Brooklyn, N. Y.

In 1872 the family moved to

Kansas, settling on a farm near Salina. Here his early days were spent in farming and herding



JOHN EMIL ANDERSON

cattle, and subsequently teaching school four years.

After graduating in a business college at Kansas City, Mo., he entered the law office of the prosecuting attorney, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar Feb. 17, 1885. While studying law he contributed many articles to the different newspapers in the West; was correspondent of the Kansas City *Star*, and also represented the Associated Press. He also held several clerical positions in the Kansas legislature and has served as deputy U. S. marshal.

In 1891 he removed to Chicago, where he has since lived, engaged in the practice of law. His office is at 9206 Commercial ave., South Chicago.

He has been an active member of the Swedish Republican club of the Eighth ward, and also of the Linnea, Knights of Pythias, North American Union, Royal Arcanum, Red Men and other societies and orders.

In 1888 he was married to Miss Hilda Ek, a native of Vermland, Sweden, daughter of Bengt and Charlotta Ek. Her father was descended from a line of illustrious warriors in the Napoleonic wars. There are two daughters, in the family, Edith Evangeline, born July 29, 1890, in Salina, Kans., and Mabel Louise, born Feb. 17, 1897, in Chicago.

Mr. Anderson's mother died in 1905, at Salina, Kans., where his father is still living.

JOHN HIGHFIELD

was born March 21, 1872, at Animskog, Dalsland, Sweden. His



JOHN HIGHFIELD

parents are Fred and Sara M. Högfeldt. He emigrated to Amer-

ica as a youth of seventeen. His first place of abode was at Iron Mountain, Mich., but after a brief stay there he moved to Chicago. Here he engaged in the custom vest manufacturing business in 1891, still continuing in that line. His shop is at 189 Fifth ave.

Mr. Highfield is a member of the Swedish Ev. Mission Church on Orleans st., and has acted as trustee. He has been a member of the church choir there for more than seventeen years, and for several years has acted as its president. He is also a member of the Asaph Singing Society.

Mr. Highfield was married Sept. 27, 1898, to Selma Constance Charlotte Gustafson, born Nov. 4, 1873, at Göteborg. They have a daughter, Inez Virginia Henriette, born Dec. 31, 1901.

CARL J. APPELL

was born on a farm near Galva, Ill., of Swedish parentage, his father and mother having both been born in Sweden but having come to this country in their childhood. At fourteen years of age, he entered Augustana College, from which he graduated in 1894, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science simultaneously. The next year he spent partly at teaching public school and partly on the farm. In July, 1895, he entered the University of Chicago, specializing in the subjects of political science and political economy, but also studying French, Spanish, and Italian literature. In the fall of 1896, he took charge of the Swedish Lutheran missions in Gloucester and Rockport, Mass., for a



CARL J. APPELL

period of one year, and then entered the Chicago Law School in the fall of 1897. At the same time, he continued his studies at the University of Chicago, carrying a full course there. The following year he devoted to the study of law exclusively, and completed all the second and third year courses in the Kent College of Law, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1899. He thereafter took what was formerly known as the post-graduate law course at Lake Forest University, at the conclusion of which, in the spring of 1900, he wrote a thesis which took the first prize. Simultaneously he resumed his studies in political science and political economy at the University of Chicago, completing all the required courses for the degree of Doctor of Phi-

losophy, also pursuing linguistic studies. He has studied twelve languages in all. His studies completed, Mr. Appell removed to Peoria, where he opened a law office and practiced for three years, a part of the time in partnership with A. V. D. Rousseau, under the firm name of Appell & Rousseau.

Immediately after coming to Peoria, he helped to organize the Swedish-American Republican Club of that city, which he served as secretary for three years. In the fall of 1903 he returned to Chicago and opened a law office in the Unity Building, 79 Dearborn st.

Mr. Appell was a member of Troop G, First Regiment Cavalry, I. N. G., 1901–1903 and was one of the sharpshooters for which this regiment is noted, he having received the gold medal offered by the State of Illinois for proficiency in sharpshooting. By transfer he is now a member of Troop A, in Chicago, of the same regiment. Mr. Appell is also a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church.

OSCAR T. ROBERG,

physician and surgeon, was born in Chicago in 1876. After taking a course in medicine at Rush Medical College, he was graduated in 1899. For a year he was instructor in chemistry at his Alma Mater. He then became house physician and surgeon at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, re-



OSCAR THEODORE ROBERG

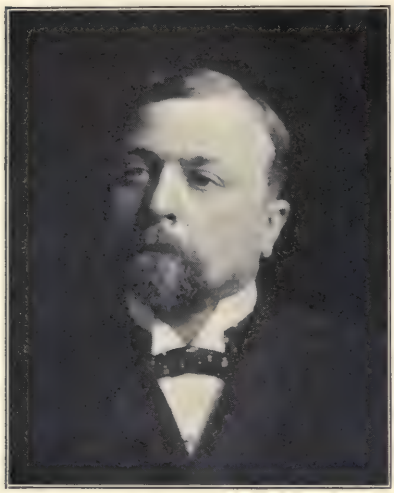
maining there from 1900 to 1902. Subsequently Dr. Roberg was appointed surgeon-in-chief at the Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. He was appointed instructor in surgery at Rush Medical College in 1906, and has an extensive practice on the north side.

Dr. Roberg is a member of the Swedish Mission Church.

CHARLES A. WESTERHOLM

was born in Östra Ed parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, July 1, 1861. His father, Jacob Renhold Westerholm, is still living. His mother, Brigitta Lovisa, passed away May 27, 1877. The boy had but four months' schooling as he had to help his father on the farm. For a time he worked at cabinetmaking and then was a

sailor for three years. He came to Chicago May 12, 1880, and worked for his uncle nine years.



CHARLES AUGUST WESTERHOLM

In 1889 Mr. Westerholm formed a partnership with Nels Anderson and has since then been a soda water manufacturer and a general bottler with office at 383 Austin ave.

Mr. Westerholm is a Lutheran and is a member of I. O. S. No. 1, K. of P., and the following Masonic bodies, viz.: Thos. J. Turner Lodge No. 409; Washington Chapter No. 43; Columbia Commandery No. 63; Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rites, and the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Westerholm was married April 8, 1887, to Sophia Stolzenbach of Thornton, Ill., born Aug. 27, 1868. Their children are John Henry Edward, born Feb. 1, 1888 and Ethel, born July 19, 1891.

ADOLPH RYDIN

was born Dec. 12, 1870, on the Leonardsberg estate near Norrköping, Sweden. He emigrated to America at the age of eighteen. For a short time he stopped in Youngstown, Ohio. The following April he left for Chicago, where he has since resided. Working for a few years as a common laborer, he attended the evening schools hoping to improve his condition. During 1895 and 1896 he was saleman for J. L. Prescott and Co. Since then Mr. Rydin has been the Chicago representative of the Minnesota Scandinavian Relief Association of Red Wing. He has had marked

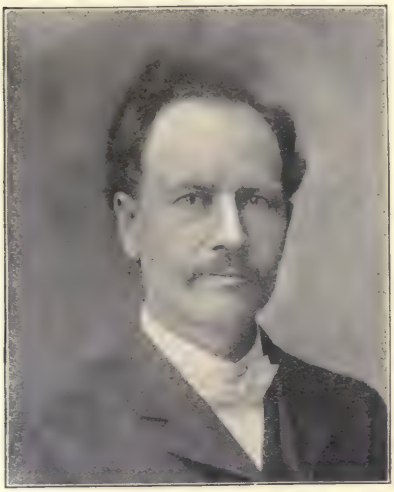


ADOLPH RYDIN

success in convincing his countrymen of the merits of the oldest life insurance company among the Scandinavian people of America.

Mr. Rydin was married in 1898, to Hilma Anderson. They have two sons.

ANDREW EDWARD NORMAN was born March 13, 1860, in Kolbäcken, Vermland, Sweden. His



ANDREW EDWARD NORMAN

father, Jonas Norman, was a forester. At the age of sixteen young Norman was apprenticed in the patternmaker's trade at the Finnshyttan Mechanical Works. He emigrated to America in 1880 and worked for six months as a joiner in Brooklyn. Thereupon he went to Ishpeming, Mich., where he became foreman in a joiner's shop. He took the first prize in carving for three years in succession at the Marquette county fair. A silver goblet was also won by him as champion skater of Northern Michigan. In 1887 he removed to Chicago where he is now a contractor and architect with office at 3575 N. Clark st. In his spare time Mr. Norman has executed some artistic wood carvings one of which represents Columbus landing in America. A truly wonderful piece of mechanical work by him is a miniature reproduction of the battle of Manila Bay, operated by electricity, showing fifteen inch battleships firing real explosive shells, vessels sinking automatically and powder magazines blowing up. This product of Mr. Norman's ingenuity has been exhibited publicly in Chicago and elsewhere.

Mr. Norman was, in 1882, when in Ishpeming, married to Miss Ulrika Olson from Dalsland, Sweden.

FREDERICK T. CROONBORG was born May 9, 1867, in the city of Mariestad, Sweden. After



FREDERICK T. CROONBORG

attending the public schools he was apprenticed to a tailor and at the age of sixteen became a journeyman tailor, working in Stockholm, Christiania, Copenhagen and elsewhere. Finally he concluded to emigrate to America

and came to Chicago in 1887. He soon found employment as coat maker, and after a couple of years became a cutter. In January, 1893, he was awarded a gold medal and the first prize from the U. S. Cutters and Tailors for his skill in garment cutting. At the World's Fair in 1893, he was again awarded by the same association. Mr. Croonborg for five years conducted a merchant tailoring business, but receiving a large number of applications for instruction in tailoring, he finally gave up his business and founded a tailoring school, known as Croonborg's Sartorial Academy, now located at 185 Dearborn st.

Mr. Croonborg was married June 2, 1897, to Miss Hildur Marie Gryzelius from Mariestad. They have one son.

GOTTFRED NELSON

was born July 8, 1875, on a farm near Knoxville, Ill. In 1878 his parents moved out to Kansas, settling on a farm in McPherson co., where the elder Nelson became a prosperous farmer.

At the age of four and a half years, Gottfred lost his mother by death. After due preparation he entered Bethany College, at Lindsborg, Kans., pursuing his studies in the winter months and working on his father's farm during vacations.

In the spring of 1898 he was graduated from Bethany College whereupon he was stationed as preacher in Jamestown, N. Y., and Kansas City, Mo. He entered the Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island in 1899 and was graduated in 1902, having



GOTTFRED NELSON

spent one year at the English Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago. On June 15, 1902, Mr. Nelson received ministerial ordination at Ishpeming, Mich., holding a call from the Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago. Later he resigned this pastorate to accept a call from the Trinity Swedish Lutheran Church in Lake View, Chicago, a large and important field, in which he is laboring since Oct. 1, 1903. The congregation has more than doubled its membership during Rev. Nelson's pastorate, it now numbering about 800 communicants and about 1,200 in total.

Rev. Nelson was united in wedlock July 6, 1904, to Miss Anna Almquist of Butte, Mont. They have a daughter, Marjorie, born Dec. 21, 1905.

C. BERNHARD HEDSTRÖM was born Aug. 20, 1881, in Rättvik, Dalarne, Sweden. Coming



C. BERNHARD HEDSTRÖM

to Chicago at the age of twelve, with some schooling from the old country, he attended grammar school for a time in this city. Then he began work as errand boy and having been with several firms he struck his future vocation in 1896 with the shoe firm of N. B. Holden. After two years he accepted a position in the shoe stock room of The Fair. When he was but nineteen years of age, Mr. Hedström was promoted to the position of assistant manager of the shoe department. After five years' service with The Fair, Mr. Hedström became traveling salesman for Fargo-Keith and Co. In 1904 he became Chicago salesman for Florsheim and Co., shoe manufacturers. Mr. Hedström is well-known to the shoe trade in Chicago and throughout Illinois.

He belongs to the Gideons, the the Illinois Commercial Travelers' Association and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hedström belongs to the Oak Street Swedish Free Mission Church in which he has been assistant secretary, and leader of the mixed choir, besides being active in the Sunday school and the Young People's Society. He is now leader of the Hope Male Chorus and director of song in the Lake View Free Mission Church.

On Nov. 8, 1905, Mr. Hedström was united in marriage to Sabina Holm, born Dec. 2, 1882, in Chicago. Her parents are Christian M. and Anna C. Holm.

A. ALFRED HOLMES was born in Marbeck parish, Småland, Sweden. At the age



A. ALFRED HOLMES

of seven years he came with his parents to America. They located

in Chicago where he was educated in the public and the Swedish parochial schools. His talent for music was early manifested, and at the age of twelve he commenced his musical studies which were pursued for seventeen years under the following teachers: Alfred Alander, J. F. Ring, C. H. Wood, A. E. Fox and Calvin B. Cady.

Mr. Holmes has been prominently before the public for many years as organist, chorister and orchestral director. In 1890 he accepted a call as teacher of music at the Augustana Conservatory in Rock Island. In 1892 he resigned this position, but continued a private class at Rock Island and Moline until 1896, counting among his pupils members of the most prominent families of those cities. During all this time, however, his home was in Chicago. In 1896 he had charge of the music at the Dixon Chautauqua. For two years he was a member of the committee on convocation of church musicians of the General Council of the Lutheran church of America, and for three years director of the Luther League chorus. In 1881 he became the organist of the Swedish Lutheran Gethsemane Church, which position he held for twenty four years, until 1905, meanwhile refusing many flattering offers. The last ten years he was also leader of the church choir. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the church for a number of years. Mr. Holmes is an enthusiastic Sunday school worker, and served as superintendent for several years up to 1905, when he became organist of the Immanuel Church, also transferring his Sunday school activity to that church. In 1902 he was elected a member of the Cook Co. Sunday School Association May Festival Committee. In 1906 he accepted the position as teacher in the Mendelssohn Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Holmes lives at 2345 W. Dakin ave., and has his studio in Steinway Hall.

FRANK C. LINDH

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, and received his educational train-



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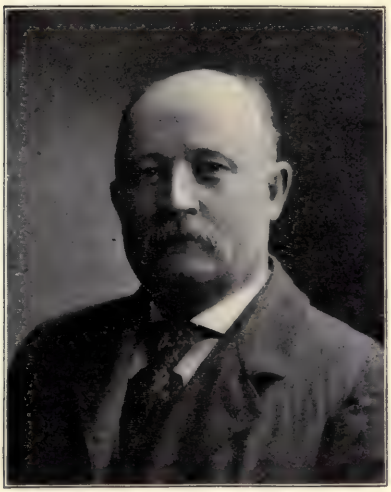
ing in that city. Having reached the age of manhood, he emigrated to America and settled in Chicago in 1893. He chose the trade of machinist, in which he now holds the position of foreman in the

machine department of a manufacturing establishment.

Mr. Lindh was married Feb. 20, 1902. His wife, formerly Miss Alida Peterson, is a native Chicagoan.

PEHR E. GUSTAFSON

was born April 6, 1849, in Önsta parish, Nerike, Sweden. When but



PEHR E. GUSTAFSON

six years old he was left a poor orphan, with no one to provide for him, and on one occasion had to go without food for over four days. At the tender age of seven he began herding cattle for Rector Gumelius of Örebro parish. Then for three years he worked at street repairing in the city. At the age of fourteen he became an apprentice in the Rosenfors cutlery and tool factory in Eskilstuna for a term of eight years, earning his board and thirty crowns a year. At maturity he obtained work with a similar firm in Torshälla. Going to Finland he worked and attended evening school there, but soon returned to Sweden, and in 1881 resolved to try his luck in the New World.

After working some time in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Toledo and St. Louis, he went to Chicago. Mr. Gustafson here engaged in the manufacture of saws, machine knives, etc., his factory being located at 214–216 S. Clinton st. He is an adherent of the Lutheran Church, and is an active member of Progressive Council No. 940, Royal Arcanum.

CHARLES J. LINDEN

was born Dec. 14, 1859, in Solberga, Småland, Sweden. March 24, 1882, he arrived in this country, bound for Chicago. He is a carpenter and building contractor



CHARLES J. LINDEN

and resides in Morton Park, one of the west side suburbs.

Mr. Linden belongs to the Odd

Fellows, Royal Arcanum and the Royal League. He was treasurer of the town of Cicero for two terms.

In 1896 Mr. Linden was married to Mathilda Kolander, with whom he has three daughters and one son.

JOHN H. HENRICKSON

was born in Filipstad, Vermland, Sweden, Nov. 12, 1849. Having



JOHN H. HENRICKSON

learned the tailors' trade under the direction of his father, who was a master tailor in Filipstad, he started an establishment of his own as soon as he became of age. Seized with a desire to try his fortunes in the land across the Atlantic, he emigrated in 1873, going first to Escanaba, Mich. After nine months he went to Minneapolis. In 1877 he left that city for Chicago, which has since been his home. Here Mr. Henrickson secured a position with the firm of G. W. Matthews & Son, and for more than a quarter of a century he has been connected with this house. His skill and care soon won him the confidence of his employers and popularity among the customers. In a very short time he became manager of the manufacturing department. Since 1901 he is a member of the firm.

In March, 1879, Mr. Henrickson was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Olson from Jönköping, Sweden. They have no children of their own, but have adopted a daughter, now married.

Mr. Henrickson is an old time Lutheran, and in politics a stanch Rupublican. He owns his residence at 1217 Wilton ave., Lake View.

ARVID N. SORLIN,

minister of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, was born in the parish of Dal, near Hernösand, Sweden, March 31, 1861. His father, D. S. Sorlin, who was also a minister of the gospel, died in Boston, Mass., in 1888.

Having enjoyed instruction in the common school of his native place, Arvid accompanied his parents to this country in 1874. Here he continued his schooling in New York and Chicago, and then determined to study for the ministry. After completing the prescribed courses at the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary at Evanston, Ill., he graduated from that institution in 1896.

Prior to entering the seminary,

Mr. Sorlin had performed pastoral work, having begun as a local preacher in 1891 and received his



ARVID NICKOLAUS SORLIN

first appointment as pastor the same year. In 1892 he was ordained deacon and in 1897, elder. Rev. Mr. Sorlin has served the Swedish M. E. churches in Lindsborg, Kans., Englewood, Ravenswood and Moreland in Chicago, and Rockford, Ill. At the present time he is stationed at the Union Avenue Swedish M. E. Church of Chicago.

Through his activity and ability as a clergyman Rev. Mr. Sorlin has attained a position of prominence in his denomination. In 1899 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Galesburg District of the Central Swedish Conference, serving out the full term of six years. Having been elected on the board of trustees of the Theological Seminary at Evanston in 1900, he is still a member of that body and is at present its secretary. He has represented the Swedish portion of the Methodist Episcopal church at the General Conference, and held other positions of trust and honor.

His marriage took place March 15, 1882. Mrs. Sorlin, whose maiden name was Hannah Wilhelmina Erickson, was born March 11, 1865, and is the daughter of John W. and Maria Erickson of Oakland, Neb. A son, Oswald D. M., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sorlin in 1883, and a daughter, Margaret N., in 1893.

EDWIN A. OLSON

was born of Swedish parents at Cambridge, Ill., Feb. 16, 1868.



EDWIN A. OLSON

He attended the Cambridge High School and Elliott's Business College in Burlington, Iowa. For some time thereafter he worked on his father's farm. Coming to Chicago in 1890 he commenced the

study of law. Since 1892, when he was admitted to the bar, he has practiced law in this city, and by energy and legal acumen has made success in his profession and acquired good standing at the Chicago bar.

Mr. Olson is a Republican and has for the last fifteen years taken an active interest in politics in every campaign, national, state and local. He was secretary for four years and president one year of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois and helped to make that institution the largest and strongest political organization of the kind in America.

He has been attorney for the Scandia Life Insurance Company for several years and has taken a vigorous part in the reorganization of that company from the assessment to the old line basis. He is now at the head of the agency department of the company.

Mr. Olson is an Odd Fellow, a 32d degree Mason and a member of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

CARL A. LOTHGREN

was born June 4, 1869, in Kil parish, near Örebro, Sweden. In June, 1885, at the age of sixteen, he came over to this country. His first stop was in Rutland co., Vermont, but after two years he moved to Chicago. For the next four years he was working as a stone cutter. In 1892 he set up as a builder. Since that time he has built, owned and sold about a hundred or more houses. Mr. Lothgren is also in the real estate, renting and insurance business



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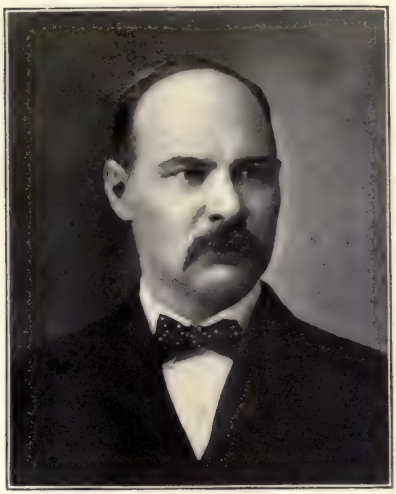
with office at Halsted and 59th streets.

The Second Swedish Baptist Church chose him as a trustee for several years. He is also a member of the Royal League. Mr. Lothgren was married Nov. 8, 1890, to Maria S. Engstrand who was born in Vermland. They have three sons.

CARL G. LINDHOLM

was born in Grenna, Sweden, Aug. 22, 1855. Having finished his schooling, he learned the shoemaker's trade, and in time became a master shoemaker. In 1880 he emigrated to Chicago. Having formed a partnership with Wm. Youngquist, he engaged in the retail shoe business. He sold his interest to Mr. Youngquist in 1898 and removed to Lake View, where he opened a large retail

shoe store at 1702 N. Clark st., and has been doing a thriving business ever since.



CARL GUSTAF LINDHOLM

Mr. Lindholm is an active member of the Mission Church in his home locality, and has held several offices, such as trustee and deacon and treasurer of the Sunday school. In politics he is an unswerving Republican.

In 1882 Mr. Lindholm married Miss Helen Swanstrom, the fruit of this union being five children —two boys and three girls.

ANDERS O. R. BERGENGREN

was born in Stoby, Skåne, Sweden, Sept. 8, 1872. He is a descendant of a family of the old Swedish nobility. Mr. Bergengren graduated in 1888 from the collegiate school in the city of Kristianstad and then took a position with the "Svanen" drug store in that city. He graduated from the Royal Institute of Pharmacy at Stockholm in 1892. In the same year he emigrated to the United States, and, after studying at Chicago schools of pharmacy, was made a registered pharmacist by the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy in 1893. Since 1896 he has been in the drug business at 854 Seminary ave., in Lake View.

In 1896 Mr. Bergengren was married to Hilda Natalia Euphrosyne Morin. He is a member of the Independent Order of Vikings.



ANDERS OSCAR REINHOLD BERGENGREN

LARS N. S. KLAESSON

was born Oct. 15, 1869, in Gotland, Sweden. His parents were Olof Klaesson, a farmer, and Maria Klaesson. The boy's education was limited to the public school. He emigrated in 1887 and located in Kansas, and there grew to maturity. In 1895, at the age of twenty-six, he went

to Chicago. Mr. Klaesson is a traveling salesman for Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., having charge of territory in Kansas.



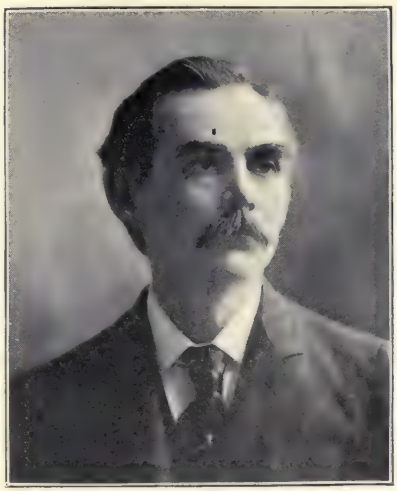
LARS NICKLAS SEVERIN KLAESSON

Mr. Klaesson was married May 15, 1901, to Anna Christina Johnson, a daughter of John and Christina Johnson of Chicago, born Oct. 3, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Klaesson have two daughters, Kathryn Bertram, born Oct. 1, 1902, and Nanna Jeannette, born Dec. 2, 1906. The family home is at 851 Sunnyside ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Klaesson belong to the Lutheran Church.

JOHN A. KOHLER,

secretary of the Parkside Loan and Savings Company, was born in the vicinity of Norrköping, Sweden, Jan. 15, 1844, and was educated at the Technological School of that city. He came to America in the spring of 1865. Being a mechanical engineer and machinist by profession, he had no trouble in keeping up with the march of the procession in this land of mechanical advancement. He settled first in Philadelphia, went later to New York, and in 1869 came to Chicago. From the first he took great interest in politics. He has been president of the Scandinavian Club of the Town of Lake and recording secretary of the Swedish-American Central Republican Club of Chicago. He was one of the



JOHN A. KOHLER

directors of the Linné Monument Association and took a lively interest in raising funds for the erection of a statue of the great botanist. In 1887, Mr. Kohler helped to organize the Linnéan Society, and was the first president of that organization, which

is now one of the best Swedish-American sick-benefit societies in Chicago.

For the past eleven years, Mr. Kohler has been secretary of the Parkside Loan and Savings Company, a corporation which has been in successful operation since 1885. He is also conducting a real estate and insurance office at 5205 Wentworth ave. During his stay in Chicago he has been connected with several of the leading manufacturing establishments as mechanical engineer and machinist, which has been his principal business and means of livelihood. Realizing the value of the legal training to the business man, he took a course at the Chicago College of Law, graduating in 1899.

Mr. Kohler is married and has one son, Dr. E. A. Kohler.

CHARLES EVERT CARSON

was born Feb. 24, 1864, in Föglö, Åland, Finland. At eighteen he emigrated from Finland to America. Here he made Chicago his home and is still a resident of this city. He attended the public schools in his native land and the Metropolitan Business College in Chicago. Engaging in the building trade, he has built up a comfortable business for himself as building contractor.

The great interest taken by Mr. Carson in church work has made him an invaluable member in the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church. He has served as trustee and secretary of his congregation.

In 1891 he was married to Miss



CHARLES EVERT CARSON

Anna Hallgren from Ydre, Östergötland, Sweden.

WAHLFRID WILLIAMSON

was born in Trelleborg, Sweden, April 18, 1850. Shortly after, his parents removed to Helsingborg, where he received a public school education and learned the printing trade, serving his apprenticeship in the printing office of *Öresunds-Posten*. Having learned his trade, he left that shop and worked for a time in the University Press in Lund, afterward returning to his old place in Helsingborg.

In April, 1869, at the age of nineteen, he left the fatherland, with Chicago as his destination. After his arrival here, he tried to obtain work at his trade; but as the only two Swedish newspaper offices in Chicago at that time

had no need of his services, he was forced to seek other employment. In Missouri he found work



WAHLFRID WILLIAMSON

on the Southern Pacific Railway, just being built, and remained until the following winter, when he was offered a place on the Swedish newspaper *Hemlandet*. In the spring of 1871 he became foreman in the printing office of *Nya Verlden*, afterwards *Svenska Tribunen*, and worked on that paper up to the time of the great Chicago fire, also for a time after the paper was re-established.

In 1875 Mr. Williamson started a printing office of his own at 1–3 N. Clark st., where he remained until the building together with his printing office on Feb. 18, 1903, was totally destroyed by fire. For many years Mr. Williamson was the only Swedish job printer in Chicago, and made himself known as a reliable and skillful printer. A considerable number of good books in Swedish as well as Norwegian, among which may be mentioned "Sverige och Svenskarne," by W. W. Thomas, and "Unionsperioden og Norges Gjenreisning," by Hagebert Miller, have been published from his office; several have been published in his own name. For some time he published a periodical, *Vid Aftonbrasan* ("At the Evening Fireside"). After his printing plant was destroyed by fire, he took a vacation from business, but in August, 1905, he again took up his old business, and is now located in his own building, 654 Winona ave., where he continues to do general book and job printing work. In 1907 he published a book entitled "Det femte Evangeliet, eller de fyra Evangelierna sammanväfda till en fullständig berättelse om vår Frälsare Jesu Kristi lif, ordnad i tidsföljd."

In 1879, Mr. Williamson paid a visit to his parents and relatives in the old country. His father, C. G. Wilhelmsson, was Sergeant Major of the regimental band of the Skåne Hussars.

Mr. Williamson was married in 1871 to Miss Carin Pehrson of Vestanskog, Skåne, but he had hardly established a home, when it was swept away by the great Chicago fire.

In 1882 he became a member of the First Swedish Methodist Church, and has held many important offices in that congregation. From 1882 to 1899, or seventeen years, he was secretary of the Swedish Methodists' Aid As-

sociation, a life insurance society. In 1892 he moved from the north side to Summerdale, where he owns a comfortable and pleasant home, and is a member of the Swedish Bethany M. E. Church.

OSCAR F. MALMBERG

was born in Motala, Sweden, Oct. 30, 1862. Coming to this



OSCAR F. MALMBERG

country in 1882, his first employment here was that of a grocery clerk. He afterwards formed a partnership with A. P. Nelson in the retail grocery business at 68 Chicago ave. In January, 1888, he became a member of the Chicago Fire Department, and was promoted to the position of lieutenant on the fire-boat "Yosemite" July 2, 1891.

Capt. Malmberg has on many occasions distinguished himself for bravery and was honorably mentioned by the department for rescuing a man from drowning at the Yosemite headquarters Aug. 5, 1892, and on the following night, with the assistance of the crew, rescuing two men from drowning. At the fire at 236–238 Monroe st., Feb. 14, 1894, Chief Swenie ordered him, together with his company, to effect the rescue of Wm. Fleming of company 40, who was caught by falling floors at the head of the stairs leading to the third floor. Just after they had succeeded in releasing Fleming's arm from underneath a heavy beam, an explosion occurred, throwing them to the bottom of the stairs on the first floor. Lieut. Malmberg and his crew did signal service during the lumber yard fire of Aug. 1, 1894, in preventing the whirlwind of flames from leaping the river to the south, thereby saving from certain destruction the Santa Fé elevator, which escaped with but slight damage. The wind developed into a cyclone of such power, that a wagon, loaded with lumber, was thrown into the air and struck the side of the "Yosemite," doing considerable damage. First Assistant Fire Marshal W. H. Musham was thrown into the river, but rescued by the crew. Lieut. Malmberg was blown from the standpipe on the deck, but recovered shortly afterward.

The following report, published in *The Daily News*, Sept. 13, 1894, gives a graphic description of his narrow escape from death and the part he played in rescuing his companions.

"When it was discovered that

fire had broken out in the lumber yards in South Chicago, the Yosemite was ordered to go to the fire. The boat left at 8:13 and when about three miles out in the lake it was found that the boat had sprung a leak and was filling with water which soon put out the fires. Finding that all efforts to keep the boat bailed out were unavailing, the crew looked for something to use for a signal. Nothing which could be seen at any distance was at hand. Then a desperate plan was resorted to. Lieutenant Malmberg took off his coat and dipped it into a barrel of kerosene, then fastened it to the end of a pole and set fire to it. The other members of the crew followed his example and soon the deck was illuminated by the improvised distress signals. The burning fluid trickled down the handles of the torches and burned hands and arms. The pain was excruciating, but the signals were vigorously waved. It was midnight before the live saving crew reached them. With succor at hand the men made a last desperate and unsuccessful attempt to save their craft. No sooner had the imperiled men been transferred to the life boat before the Yosemite sank."

The boat was later raised and placed in service again.

Lieutenant Malmberg was promoted to the position of captain under the civil service examination July 2, 1896, and assigned the command of engine company 21, State and Taylor sts., and in April, 1897, was transferred to engine company 83, 1111 South Place. Since Oct. 18, 1905, Capt. Malmberg has been in command of engine company 90, 57 E. Division st.

Captain Malmberg was married April 30, 1890, to Jennie Akerlind, and the couple have two children, Edgar and Irene.

ERLAND LARSON

was born Jan. 1, 1863, in Edsberg parish, Nerike, Sweden. He came



ERLAND LARSON

to the United States in 1886, bound for Minnesota. After a few months he went to Wisconsin, where he worked in a lumber camp. He next left for Oregon, where he remained three years. In 1893 Mr. Larson came to Chicago, working at first as a blacksmith. After a year he, in company with Mr. L. Wahlquist, organized the Grand Union Grill Works. The business began on a

small scale, but has so expanded that in 1907 the firm erected a large building at 1664–68 W. Lake st. It is the largest factory of its kind in the city, and a large assortment of grills, consoles and turned columns is manufactured.

Mr. Larson was married in 1897 to Anna Theresia Anderson from Nora, Westmanland, with whom he has three daughters, Hildur, Ella and Violet.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson belong to the Humboldt Park Swedish Methodist Church.

FRANK AUGUST LINDHOLM

was born in Grenna, Sweden, Sept. 21, 1868. He received an



FRANK AUGUST LINDHOLM

ordinary common school education in the public schools of his native land, and spent part of his youth in the cities of Jönköping and Falköping. On his eighteenth birthday he landed in this country. Being a tailor by trade, he specialized in the manufacture of vests and pants for the trade, a business he is now engaged in, giving employment to about 125 workers. The firm is the Lindholm, Johnson Co., at 215 Madison st. Mr. Lindholm has taken interest in organizations promoting the interests of his trade and has been financial secretary of the Tailor's Business Association. He has also served one term as president, besides filling other offices in the organization.

Mr. Lindholm is a member of the Swedish Mission Church at Orleans and Whiting streets, in which he at present is a trustee. For several years he has been a member of the church choir, and taught classes in the Sunday school, for which he is now the treasurer.

In 1892 Mr. Lindholm made a visit to his native land. The following year, having returned to Chicago, he was married to Miss Anna T. Sahlberg, Nov. 16, 1893.

GUSTAVE NELSON

was born Nov. 2, 1867, in Dalsland, Sweden. His father, Magnus Nilsson, emigrated with his family in 1869 and settled in Des Moines co., Iowa. He was one of the pioneers who organized the Swedish Lutheran church in Kingston, Iowa.

Gustave remained on the farm until 1892, when he went to Texas. After a short stay he went to Chicago, where he worked for two years. In 1894 he entered

Augustana College, continuing his studies there for two years. He then entered the law department



GUSTAVE NELSON

of the University of Michigan and was graduated in 1899. Mr. Nelson has an office at 145 La Salle st., where he is engaged in general law practice.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the Royal League.

CARL O. YOUNG

was born in Göteborg, Sweden, Oct. 10, 1865. When he was four years old, his parents came to America and settled in Kansas City, Mo. There he attended public school and the Swedish parochial school until twelve years of age, when he moved with his parents to Lindsborg, Kans. Here he worked on the farm in summer and attended school in winter until the fall of 1881, when he entered the academic department of Bethany College. Having finished the preparatory course, he was, in 1885, matriculated at Augustana College, in Rock Island, Ill., where he graduated in 1889. In the fall of that year he entered the medical department of Harvard University, where he completed the required four year years' course, graduating in 1893. During this period he had charge of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Quincy, Mass., which at that time erected a fine edifice, the only granite church building in the Augustana Synod.

In 1894–'96 Mr. Young pursued further medical studies at the University of Berlin. Returning to America in 1896, he opened an office in Chicago, where later he



CARL O. YOUNG

became chief of the medical department at Augustana Hospital.

In the summer of 1901 Dr. Young again made a trip to Germany, where he pursued further

medical studies in Hamburg for six months.

In August, 1904, Dr. Young incorporated the Washington Park Hospital, which was opened in rented quarters, Labor Day of that year. In February, 1906, a new building, with a capacity for seventy-five patients, was opened.

Dr. Young is chief of the hospital staff. He is a member of the Chicago, the Illinois and the American medical associations, and of the Harvard Alumni Association.

May 31, 1898, Dr. Young was married to Miss Sophia Swanstrom of Lindsborg, Kans. They have two children, Viola and Stanley.

K. ALBERT WEYDELL

was born in Kalmar, Sweden, Jan. 20, 1869. His childhood



K. ALBERT WEYDELL

and early youth were spent in his native city. At the age of sixteen he went to sea and spent a few years before the mast. During this time he visited all quarters of the globe and saw many strange lands. He stayed in Brazil and Chili for two years, and had occasion to familiarize himself with tropical and subtropical conditions. Finally he decided to take some rest from his extensive seafaring and came to Chicago to visit some relatives. They prevailed upon him to stay and he then began to study pharmacy at the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy. Immediately after his graduation he started in business at 6501 Cottage Grove ave., where he enjoys a good trade.

ALFRED L. MORRIS

was born at Chandlers Valley, Warren co., Pa., Oct. 2, 1865,



ALFRED LAWRENCE MORRIS

and grew up on the farm of his father, A. P. Morris, an old settler of that vicinity. Having attended public school in his home district

and the high school at Sugar Grove, Pa., he left home and came to Chicago in 1888. Here he engaged in the grocery business, conducting a retail store up to 1896, when he went out of business and went to work as a wholesale salesman with Durand, Kaspar & Co. From 1897 to 1901 he held a position as deputy clerk in the Criminal Court Clerk's office. In 1902 he was made general agent of the Scandia Life Insurance Co., and remains in its service to date.

Oct. 9, 1888, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Linda Jerner of Chicago, a daughter of Mr. John F. Jerner, born Sept. 10, 1868. Their children, with dates of birth, are: Irene Evelyn, Aug. 23, 1890; Edgar Lawrence, Aug. 23, 1892; Florence Marie, June 5, 1902.

Mr. Morris, with his family, belongs to the Salem Swedish Lutheran Church, where his brother-in-law, Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, has served as pastor for a long term of years. Mr. Morris is a member of King Oscar Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and the I. O. O. F.

JOHN LARSON

was born in Raflunda, Skåne, Sweden, Jan. 6, 1874. In 1888, at the age of fourteen years, he emigrated to America, locating in Chicago, where he worked in the grocery trade for some nine years. He then opened a fish and delikatessen store at 1685 N. Clark st. The business grew, and in 1901 he established a second store, at 1249 Belmont ave.

In 1901 Mr. Larson was married to Miss Ida Anderson and the couple have established a pleasant home at 1479 Belmont ave.



JOHN LARSON

WILLIAM P. CARLSON,

manufacturing tailor, was born in Falköping, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, March 7, 1863. At the age of twelve he emigrated to America, where he landed July 12, 1875. He has since resided in Chicago. He attended the public schools in this city, and afterwards learned the tailoring trade. Mr. Carlson is a member of the firm of manufacturing tailors, Strom, Carlson & Dreutz, at 472 Hermitage ave.

In 1889 Mr. Carlson was married to Miss Margaret Goodsnover, who is of Belgian descent. They have three children, Ethel, Helen

and William, and reside at 164 Larrabee st., owning the property.

Mr. Carlson is a member of the



WILLIAM P. CARLSON

Lutheran Church. He also belongs to the First Swedish Lodge I. O. O. F.

AXEL CHYTRAUS,

Judge of the Superior Court of Cook county, was born 1859 in Vermland, Sweden. At the age of ten he came with his father to America. They settled in Chicago, where his father was employed as a bookkeeper until his death in 1887. Axel attended the public schools and the Chicago Athenæum. At thirteen years of age he was employed as errand boy in the law office of Howe & Russell. Interesting himself in the business of the law office during succeeding years, he acquired a well-grounded legal knowledge before reaching maturity. In 1881, after nine years spent in the law office and in study, he was admitted to the bar. Four years later the firm of Blanke & Chytraus was formed. In 1892 Mr. Charles S. Deneen, then a young man, was taken into the firm, and it became Blanke, Chytraus & Deneen. When in 1893 Mr. Blanke was elected a judge of the Superior Court, the firm was continued as Chytraus & Deneen. Mr. Deneen was, subsequently, in 1896, elected State's Attorney, and he is now Governor of Illinois. Mr. Chytraus was elected a judge of the Superior Court of Cook county in 1898, at which time the firm of Chytraus & Deneen was dissolved, and he was re-elected in 1904.



AXEL CHYTRAUS

Augustana College in 1901 conferred upon him the degree of LL. D.

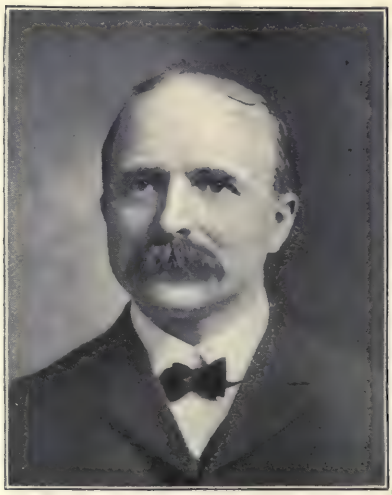
Judge Chytraus was married in 1892, to Miss Laura Haugan, daughter of Helge A. Haugan,

the well-known banker. Mrs. Chytraus died in 1907.

Judge Chytraus is a member of the Swedish Glee Club. He has the interests of the Swedish nationality in America at heart; his high standing among the judiciary reflects credit upon his countrymen generally, and in the councils of the Republican party in Chicago and the state at large his influence is recognized and his word carries weight.

ALFRED J. YOUNGDAHL,

the popular west side jeweler and optician, was born in Malmö,



ALFRED J. YOUNGDAHL

Sweden, Dec. 12, 1859, and came to America in 1883. For about a year he was connected with Benedict Bros., of New York. Leaving that city he went to Chicago, and for some time he was employed by N. Matson and Co. In 1889 Mr. Youngdahl formed a partnership with John R. Lilja and after about twelve years became sole owner. His place of business is at 565–567 W. Madison st. Mr. Youngdahl was married in 1895, to Miss Helen Mabel Kaye, of Lake Geneva, Wis., with whom he has one son and one daughter.

CARL G. LONNERBLAD

was born April 24, 1867, in the Swedish city of Falköping, in Ves-



CARL GUSTAF LONNERBLAD

tergötland. His parents were Nils Jonas Lönnerblad, a parson, and his wife Hedvig Carolina, née Mannerfelt. The son was given a thorough education, studying for six years at Skara, then continuing at a higher educational institution in Venersborg. At the age of twenty he joined the Royal Skaraborg Regiment and in 1888 completed his course at the Karlsborg military school. Later he abandoned the military career and in 1890 left Sweden for the United

States. Coming to Chicago he became first assistant to the late Dr. Ahlstrand in his massage establishment. Mr. Lonnerblad afterward was engaged as masseur at the sanitarium at Palmyra, Wis., in Lake Geneva, Ill., and Louisville, Ky. Returning to Chicago he opened his own establishment and has been in business as masseur and medical gymnast for the past ten years.

As a singer Mr. Lonnerblad soon attracted attention in Swedish musical circles in Chicago. His voice, a low tenor of rare quality, has been frequently heard in solos, duets and quartets at concerts and other public entertainments. In rendering the famous "Gluntsongs" of Wennerberg he is especially proficient. Since the fall of 1890 Mr. Lonnerblad has been active in the Swedish Glee Club, in which he has taken front rank both as a singer and as a social member. He served as secretary of the club in 1904–6 and was chosen vice-president in 1907. Upon the demise of Robert Lindblom, the president, early in the year, Mr. Lonnerblad became acting president of the club.

Mr. Lonnerblad in 1892 was among the organizers of the American Union of Swedish Singers, served as its secretary in 1901–3 and has for the past four years been first vice-president of the organization.

Combining as he does the musical with the dramatic talent, Mr. Lonnerblad is frequently called upon to assist in the production of Swedish plays. Without any claim to professionalism, his acting is free and natural, backed by clear intuition and intelligent interpretation.

Since coming to the United States, Mr. Lonnerblad has made several visits to Sweden, including the 1897 tour of the picked chorus of the A. U. S. S., of which he was a member.

ELLEN LINDSTROM

was born at Fjelkestad, Skåne, Sweden, Jan. 21, 1860. Her father,



ELLEN LINDSTROM

Swen Lindström, was the last master blacksmith in Sweden to receive a diploma from the old Blacksmiths' Guild. In his shop, which was her favorite resort when a child, were laid the foundations of that deep interest in the progress of the working people, which has characterized her later in life. She studied at girls' seminaries in her home city and in Skara. That

she was an ambitious student is shown from the fact that she was the youngest student ever sent out from her Alma Mater. The next ten years of her life were spent in teaching, until her health broke down. For several years she was apparently a hopeless invalid, and when health gradually returned, the school-room being forbidden her, she turned to a new field of activity. Her interest in social reform had been deepened, while still she was a teacher, by a meeting with Herr Bebel, the famous German socialist.

On leaving the school-room, she decided to cast her lot with the toilers. Coming to this country in 1890, Chicago was chosen as the field of her new activity. Within three days after reaching the city she was seated in a tailor shop, and was long identified with the tailoring trade of Chicago. She was for several years the business agent of a large local union, composed almost entirely of women. So far as is known, Miss Lindstrom was the first woman who ever bore the much abused title of "walking delegate." At the absorption of her union, the Special Order Clothing Makers, by the United Garment Workers, Miss Lindstrom was made a member of the General Executive Board of the latter organization, a body of 53,000 workers.

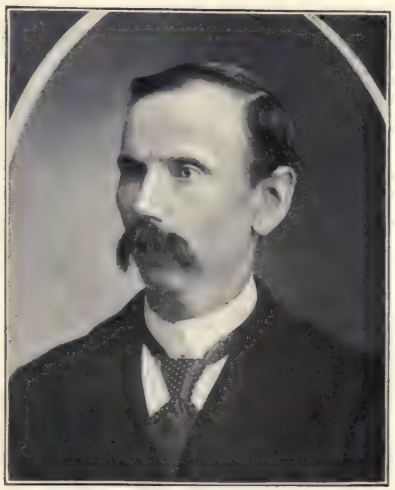
One of her chief desires is for the abolition of child-labor, to which her own trade offers so tempting a field. Through her instrumentality the women's local union already mentioned became one of the first labor unions in Chicago to take active steps in opposition to this great evil.

For years, both in Sweden and in America, Miss Lindstrom has been a frequent contributor to Swedish periodicals. In August, 1906, she left Chicago to take a position as associate editor of *Kvinnan och Hemmet*, a woman's journal, published at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In religion Miss Lindstrom is a Lutheran.

NELSON A. ANDERSON

was born May 7, 1855, in the parish of Lindberg, Halland, Swe-



NELSON A. ANDERSON

den. His father was the villiage blacksmith and taught his trade to his son. When the boy was thirteen, his father died. The lad now learned the carpenter's trade. He came to this country in 1874, and settled in St. Joseph,

Mich., where he obtained employment in the railroad shops and learned the molder's and machinist's trades. In 1886 he went to Kansas. The next year he came to Chicago and worked in various machine shops. He became a stockholder in the Carl Anderson Co., and was engaged there from 1889 until January, 1900. In April, 1902, he formed a partnership with K. L. Jones under the firm name Anderson and Jones, at 66 W. Lake st.

The business was later incorporated as The Anderson Machine Co., of which Mr. Anderson is president. In 1907 the firm moved to 56 N. Jefferson st.

In 1878 Mr. Anderson married Hanna Danielson of Småland, Sweden. The couple have been blessed with three children.

ANDREW TALLBERG

was born in Ljusdal parish, Helsingland, Sweden, Sept. 19, 1843. His early education was obtained in the parish school. In 1870 he emigrated to America and settled in Chicago, where he has since lived.

Mr. Tallberg is a well-known business man and has devoted his time and energy to several lines of investment. For many years he was engaged in the real estate business and has built several flat buildings in Hyde Park. He has shown his faith in Chicago and its growth by investing largely in vacant and improved property and has thus contributed to the greatness of the city by the lake. At one time he owned and conducted a hotel and restaurant on the



ANDREW TALLBERG

south side, which not only increased his acquaintance among the Swedish as well as the American people, but proved a paying venture. In recent years he has given much of his time to mining and other investments. His office is at 112 S. Clark st., suite 410.

Mr. Tallberg for a number of years has been an active member of the Swedish Free Mission Church.

GUSTAF T. CEDERLÖF

was born Oct. 18, 1848, in Timsbro, Karlskoga parish, Örebro län, Sweden. He received instruction in the public school and in the first four classes in the collegiate school in Kristinehamn. In 1866 he obtained employment in the Wallgren tannery in Örebro, in order to learn his father's trade.

He returned home in 1869 and assumed management of the farm and the tannery owned by his



GUSTAF T. CEDERLÖF

father. Mr. Cederlöf continued in this vocation until 1884, when he went to Chicago. Until 1893 he was employed with the Lambeau Leather Co. Since then he has conducted a restaurant, and later a bakery in Austin.

Mr. Cederlöf was married in 1891 to Ida Maria Tornberg from Kristianstad, province of Skåne. They have a daughter, Ruth.

CHARLES B. CARLEMAN

was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 6, 1860. He came to America in April, 1866, with his father, Dr. Mauritz B. Carleman, now deceased.

Mr. Carleman is the proprietor of the Phœnix Pharmacy, located at 63 E. Chicago ave.

Mr. Carleman is a member of I Will Lodge, Knights of Honor,



CHARLES B. CARLEMAN

and Lincoln Park Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

EDWARD T. CARLSON

is a native of Tanum, in Bohus län, Sweden, where he was born July 1, 1863. His schooling he received in his native place. At the age of twenty-three he left the old country for America. Arriving in Chicago in May, 1886, he at once obtained employment in a paint shop, working there for three years. Subsequently he opened a paint shop of his own on Milwaukee ave., remaining in business there until about ten years ago, when, recognizing a more profitable outlook in Irving Park, he removed to that suburb and there established the Irving Park Paint Store, at 2684–86 N. 40th ave., where he is still located, dealing in paints and wall paper.

In 1893 Mr. Carlson visited his

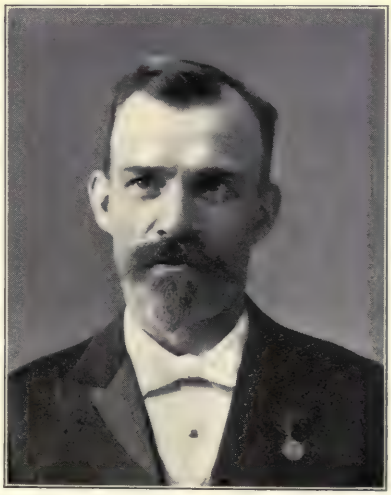
old parents in Sweden, and finding them enfeebled by age and the old homestead badly encumbered, he purchased the farm and turned it over to his eldest sister and her husband, they in return therefor being required to take the best care of the aged couple, thus relieving them of worry and insuring them a comfortable home for the remainder of their days.



EDWARD THEODORE CARLSON

While in Sweden on this errand of filial charity, Mr. Carlson formed the acquaintance of Miss Emilia Tobiasson, to whom he was married in 1894. The couple have now a family of six children, four boys and two girls.

SVEN OLOF LEJONSTEIN, inventor and electrical engineer, is the son of Carl Magnus Lejonstein, a farmer at Urshult, Småland, Sweden, and his wife, Cecilia Björk, both deceased. He was born on his father's farm, June 20, 1860, and was reared and educated in the home parish up to 1876, when he went to Germany intent on learning the mechanic's trade. He was employed at the Linden Works at Hanover for three years and subsequently in the Kockum Works at Malmö a short time before going to Stockholm in 1880. During the seven years next following he led a seafaring life, gradually working his way up and spending enough time on land to pass the necessary examinations for preferment. He began his career as marine engineer on a passenger steamer plying between Stockholm and London. Later we find him in the service of the British merchant marine, as assistant engineer of the Persian Gulf liner "Express" and the East India liner "Lord Warwick." For two years,



SVEN OLOF LEJONSTEIN

1887 to 1889, Mr. Lejonstein left the sea to become mechanical engineer in the milling and baking plant of Schumacher, the court baker, at Stockholm. Then he returned to his former occupation on shipboard, making an extensive trip with the British mail steamer "Catania," from London to Melbourne and Sydney via Suez, then doubling the Cape, en route to New Zealand, and from there back via Rio Janeiro, arriving in London New Year's eve, 1890. He now took a position with the Max Nordenfeldt Gun Factory, remaining for fifteen months. During his stay in England he was married to Miss Anna Carlson, Jan 31, 1891, the ceremony being performed at the Swedish consulate by Pastor Palmér of the Swedish church in London. Mrs. Lejonstein, daughter of Carl Danielson, a farmer at Urshult, was born Aug. 22, 1867. They have a son, Carl Olof, born July 31, 1894. Their first child, a son of the same name, died in infancy.

Coming to the United States in April, 1891, Mr. Lejonstein went to the Navy Yard at Washington, armed with recommendations from England. In the absence of the official to whom they were addressed, he turned for employment to the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, where he worked for a short time until he was employed as engineer for the Keene - Sutterlee Company in the same city. He remained for more than a year, meanwhile completing the course in electrical engineering at the Scranton Correspondence Schools.

In the fall of 1892, Mr. Lejonstein came to Chicago. After being employed for some time as engineer for Reid, Murdoch and Company, he took charge of the heat, light and power plant of Paul O. Stensland and Co., remaining as chief electrical engineer for eleven years.

Mr. Lejonstein exhibits with pardonable pride the grand gold medal of the Paris Academy of Inventors and accompanying diploma of honorary membership, awarded him Nov. 12, 1892, for a life-saving device of his invention. Other ingenious inventions are a rapid-firing cannon, and a safety brake for elevators. Mr. Lejonstein now has a patent pending on a stopper for faucets and valves, permitting their removal and repair without first turning off the water or other liquid or gas. Thus a water faucet in a large apartment house may be repaired without inconveniencing all the tenants by cutting off the entire water supply for the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Lejonstein are Lutherans and have been members of the Swedish church when in London and the Gethsemane Swedish church as residents of Chicago.

OTTILIE A. LILJENCRANTZ is an author, who has sprung into prominence in a remarkably short time. She was born in Chicago Jan. 19, 1876. Her father is G. A. M. Liljencrantz, who for over thirty-five years has been United States assistant engineer in Chicago. Through him, her ancestry is traced back to Laurentius Petri, the disciple of Martin Luther, who, with his brother, Olaus Petri, introduced the Lutheran religion into Sweden. Laurentius Petri was created the first Lutheran archbishop in Upsala during the reign of Gustaf I. Vasa. In 1541 he introduced the first Swedish translation of the Bible, of which he had translated the greater part of the Old Testament. Some of his hymns are still preserved in the Swedish Psalmbook. Another paternal ancestor was Johan Vesterman, the son of a clergyman of Gefle, who in 1768 was created a baron, and later a count, in recognition of his brilliant career as councillor of state and minister of finance under Gustaf III. He then assumed the name of Liljencrantz.



OTTILIE ADELINE LILJENCRANTZ

On her mother's side, Miss Liljencrantz has a New England ancestry which goes back through revolutionary times to the old puritan days of 1640, when her forefathers came over from England.

Andersen's fairy tales, stories of the romantic adventures of Gustaf Vasa, of the glory of Gustaf II. Adolf, of the heroism of Carl XII. and reminiscences of her father's boyhood were the first bedtime stories of the little girl. When seven she wrote her first love story. From twelve to twenty she had a passion for writing plays for amateur theatricals. At the age of sixteen she wrote a play founded on the legend of "the King's Ring," as described in the famous "Surgeon's Stories," of Topelius.

Miss Liljencrantz was educated at Dearborn Seminary, graduating in 1893. She had thoughts of entering upon a university course, but her health not being equal to the continuous grind, she occupied herself with home reading and home study. With the exception of fairly thorough courses in German and French, her education has been in English, but she has had the benefit of her father's translations in the case of Swedish and Norwegian history.

The first book written by Miss

Liljencrantz was a juvenile entitled "The Scrape that Jack Built," published in 1896. The circumstance that undoubtedly decided her future field was the purchase of Du Chaillu's "Viking Age," which intensely fascinated her. "Frithiof's Saga" and Andersen's "Norse Mythology" further aroused her to the possibilities of a field at once inestimably rich and comparatively untilled. These studies resulted in "The Thrall of Leif, the Lucky," published in 1902 by A. C. McClurg & Co. as their leading "book of the year." This glowing tale is centered in the career of Leif Ericson, the Norse Viking, who in the year 1000 sailed from Greenland and, landing in the present state of Rhode Island, was the discoverer of the American continent.

In 1903 Miss Liljencrantz brought forth another book, which like its predecessor has seen several editions. This historical romance is founded on the conquest of England by the Danish king, Canute, and is entitled "The Ward of King Canute."

Another book written by Miss Liljencrantz is "The Vinland Champions," a juvenile, depicting the adventures of a young Norseman and his comrades on an expedition to Vinland in 1009.

"Randvar, the Songsmith; A Romance of Norumbega," is the title of her latest work, which was published by the Harpers. It is a tale of the time of the Norsemen in America, and is based on the legends woven about the old tower at Newport. The son of the viking mentioned in Longfellow's "The Skeleton in Armor," is the hero of the novel, which is regarded as Miss Liljencrantz's best work. These romances exhibit profound study of northern antiquities aside from a vivid imagination and finished literary power on the part of the gifted author.

Besides the writing of these books Miss Liljencrantz has never done anything to bring herself before the public or into the newspapers. As an only child her girlhood has been passed quietly in her native city, in close companionship with her father. The home is at 24 Groveland Park.

CARL I. J. IRENÆUS,

physician and surgeon, was born Dec. 15, 1872, in Krakstad, an old



CARL I. J. IRENAEUS

estate in the parish of Högstad, Östergötland, Sweden, which has belonged to his ancestors for many

generations. His father, Per Johan Jonsson, was born 1830 and died at his home in Sweden in 1904. His mother is Clara Charlotta Irenæus, born 1841, and wife in the second marriage of his father. There were nine brothers and three sisters in the family.

Dr. Irenæus obtained his early education first at home and later at the Kristinehamn Practical School. In 1891 he passed the examination for entrance to the Polytechnical College in Norrköping, and graduated from the chemical branch of this college in 1895, receiving the highest award of the institution, the "Carl Johan Nelin prize." May 10 of the following year he left home, bound for Chicago, with the intention of engag- in chemico-technical work in this country. At first he obtained employment with the electrical firm of Gus. Monrath & Co. and later with the Western Electric Co. He also worked for some time in a bicycle shop. In 1897 he became assistant to Dr. Charles W. Purdy, the prominent physician and physiological chemist, whose valuable text-books and writings are well-known to the medical profession in this country as well as abroad. Dr. Purdy soon recognized the ability of his new assistant, and before long placed him in charge of his laboratory. Here Irenæus began to make his investigations, resulting in a series of new methods: 1:0 The construction of the Purdy Electric Centrifuge; 2:0 A method for the quantitative determination of sugar in diabetes, known as "Purdy's sugar test;" 3:0 The Purdy method for qualitative and quantitative determination of albumen in Bright's disease; 4:0 The Purdy centrifugal method for quantitative estimation of chlorides, phosphates and sulphates in the urine. All these methods which furnish valuable data in the diagnosis and treatment of disease were published during the five years that Irenæus was in cooperation with Purdy. Credit is given Irenæus in some of these publications, but privately Dr. Purdy gave him full credit, and promised that Irenæus should become his successor, and that his laboratory and practice should be given him. Upon Purdy's sudden death, and in the absence of any written statement to this effect, this plan miscarried.

After Purdy's death, Irenæus, who had not yet completed his medical course, took up studies at the University of Chicago for the degree of Ph. D., but after nearly two years of study reentered the medical career, and obtained the degree of B. S. in 1903, and graduated in medicine in 1905.

Dr. Irenæus has had much special training in different branches of medicine. He was for four years director of the clinical laboratory of Dr. Wm. E. Quine, assistant bacteriologist to the city Health Department, assistant to Dr. Turck, the well-known specialist on diseases of the stomach, and is now pathologist at the Michael Reese Hospital, and professor in chem-

ical and microscopic diagnosis in a medical college.

Dr. Irenæus has made a journey to the different countries of Europe to study his profession. Recently he has invented an instrument for determing the amount of coloring matter in the blood.

JOHN R. ÖRTENGREN

is a dominant figure in the musical life of Chicago, particularly so among the Swedish-Americans. His great service to his nationality consists in having raised to the highest pitch the interest of his countrymen in the songs of the fatherland. His influence has extended from Chicago to every point in the United States where patriotic choral singing is being practiced by them. It was under his leadership that the Swedish Glee Club of Chicago attained the acme of fame, and under his electrifying baton the American Union of Swedish Singers won their greatest triumphs.



JOHN REINHOLD ÖRTENGREN

John Reinhold Örtengren was born in the Swedish province of Gestrikland Oct. 5, 1862. His father was a captain of the Gestrike-Helsinge regiment of the Swedish Army. A brother, Albion Örtengren, is a leading actor of the Royal Dramatic Theatre at Stockholm.

Having finished his studies at the higher elementary school in Gefle, young Örtengren began the study of music with Fritz Arlberg, a famous operatic singer of the capital. In 1883–85 he studied with Prof. Julius Günther at the Royal Academy of Music, earning the Abrahamson scholarship. In the meantime he completed the course in the school of acting in connection with the Royal Theatre and in 1885–86 he was a member of its dramatic company. In 1886 Mr. Örtengren went to Paris, studying for a year with Prof. Romaine Bussine. Returning to Sweden, he was attached to the Royal Opera until 1889, as operatic singer.

That year Mr. Örtengren left Stockholm for Chicago, and for the past sixteen years he has been connected with the Chicago Musical College, ranking among the foremost in a corps of half a hundred teachers.

His sweet, sympathetic baritone voice at once made Mr. Örtengren a favorite concert singer and church soloist in Chicago. In the latter capacity he has been connected with the Unity and Union

Park Churches and is at present baritone soloist of the First Congregational Church in Oak Park.

Mr. Örtengren's efficiency as a director having become known, many choral organizations competed for the privilege of his services. Much of his time has for years been taken up in training and directing choruses, both American and Swedish. Besides the aforesaid Swedish Glee Club may be mentioned the Mendelssohn Club of Rockford, the Sveas Söner of the same city, the Wennerberg and Swedish Festival Choruses, the Swedish Singers' Union of Chicago, and, since 1906, the Svithiod Singing Club.

At the great Scandinavian singing festival held in Minneapolis in 1891 Mr. Örtengren directed the grand chorus of united singing clubs. When the American Union of Swedish Singers was organized the following year he was chosen director-in-chief and subsequently acted in that capacity at the "Swedish Day" concert at the Columbian Exposition and at the singers' conventions in New York, Rockford, Minneapolis, Chicago and Moline.

When in 1897 a picked chorus from the singers' union made a tour through Sweden, Mr. Örtengren led the triumphant troupe and was accorded a private audience before King Oscar, who spoke in terms of unmeasured praise of the American Singers and their leader.

It may be added that Mr. Örtengren frequently has lent his dramatic talent in the production of Swedish plays in Chicago and other cities. On such occasions he has invariably enacted leading parts, and by his energetic and convincing acting inspired less experienced fellow actors with confidence and courage. He has also acted as stage manager at various performances.

With his exceptional talents Mr. Örtengren combines a modesty that has much to do with his popularity with those under his training. As a vocal teacher he takes first rank. He possesses extraordinary ability in bringing out voices and imparting to the pupil that artistic enthusiasm without which study becomes a mere drudgery. Many are the soloists who owe their success to the excellent training enjoyed under him.

Mr. Örtengren is married and lives at Park Ridge. His wife, whose maiden name was Mimmi Lindström, herself a prominent pianiste, came from the city of Hudiksvall, Sweden. Two children were born to them, a daughter, Svea, who died several years ago in the prime of youth, and a son, Helmer, still living.

ALFRED EDWIN WESTMAN

was born in Hammarlunda parish near Lund, Sweden, July 20, 1855. He was educated in the common school, and in the people's high school, and also graduated from a business college. Not satisfied with this he entered the Agricultural college at Alnarp, taking a complete

three years' course, and graduating with honors in 1876.

In Reslöf, a cousin of his owned a large estate, and Mr.



ALFRED EDWIN WESTMAN

Westman was now offered a position as book-keeper with him, which he accepted. His next promotion was to a similar position at Sägbyholm, a large estate of 4,000 acres of land in the richest part of Skåne. Although this position was both responsible and remunerative, Mr. Westman found it too confining for his energies and consequently gave it up to test his fortune in the United States. Coming over in 1880, he was employed for three years on a large stock farm, at Wataga, near Galesburg, Ill. Thereafter he located in Chicago as a general broker. In 1887 he abandoned the brokerage business and started in the livery business at Chicago and Dearborn aves., Chicago. After five years he sold out and engaged in the real estate and loan business. After another five years he decided to return to his native country with his family. Over there he bought a fine estate. But after having lived in the United States, Mr. Westman did not find conditions in the old country to his liking, so he soon sold his estate and returned the following year to Galesburg. Next we find him back in Chicago, once more in the real estate and loan business, with office in the First National Bank Building. He is still engaged in that line of business and has a branch office at 3606 N. Clark st. By strictly attending to business and fair dealing he has won a large clientele of customers.

In 1883 Mr. Westman was married to Miss Kate B. Bennett, a daughter of Mr. B. P. Bennett, a venerable Swedish gentleman of Galesburg. This union has been blessed with five children, namely, Kate Elizabeth, born 1888, Olga Josephine, 1890, Alfred Edwin, 1891, Martha Rowena, 1894, and Julia Harriet, 1900. With his family he occupies his own elegant residence at 958 Farragut ave., Edgewater.

The family attends the Ebenezer Swedish Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM B. WINGREN

was born in Malmö, Sweden, April 11, 1877, and emigrated with his parents to the United States when he was but three years old. The family located in

Chicago, where he attended the public schools and was graduated in the spring of 1893. In 1894



WILLIAM B. WINGREN

he attended the Metropolitan Business College for a short time and thereafter the Chicago Athenæum. In 1895 he was employed as a clerk in the office of the *Nya Wecko-Posten*, which is published by his father, the Rev. Mr. Eric Wingren. In 1897 he became assistant manager of the paper and in 1900 assumed the general management.

JOSUA LINDAHL,

one of America's eminent men of science, belongs to the state of Illinois by dint of eighteen years spent in important work here, first as professor of natural science at Augustana College and subsequently as state geologist and curator of the museum of natural history at Springfield.

Johan Harald Josua Lindahl was born in Kongsbacka, Sweden, Jan. 1, 1844, the son of Johan Lindahl, a clergyman of the Lutheran state church, and Susanna Mathilda Björklander, his wife. Upon the death of his father in 1854, the ten year old son was sent to relatives in Karlshamn. Here he completed the courses at the local collegiate school, passing the examination for graduation in May, 1863, at the University of Lund, where higher studies were pursued. Partly supporting himself by private tutorship in the von Essen family throughout his stay at the university, he received further assistance by being once awarded the Thomander stipend,



JOSUA LINDAHL

voted once a year by the student body to the most worthy of their number.

He finished his post-graduate course in science in January,

1872, and, having presented his thesis, received the degree of Ph. D. in June, 1874. The following year Dr. Lindahl was appointed docent in zoology at the university, and retained this position until he became a professor at Augustana College. During the years 1864–1866 Dr. Lindahl served as substitute or extra teacher at the colleges of Landskrona, Lund and Göteborg.

In 1875 Dr. Lindahl was appointed secretary of the Swedish commission to the International Geographical Congress and Exposition held in Paris that year. Upon his return to Stockholm in the fall he was made secretary of the commission to take charge of the Swedish section about to be arranged for the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876, his duties taking him to the exposition city in November of the same year. In that capacity he served until the Swedish exhibits were shipped home. When, after the close of the exposition, there was formed in Philadelphia a so-called Permanent International Exhibition, Dr. Lindahl was made superintendent of the Scandinavian department. The plan soon failed for lack of funds, and Dr. Lindahl's department was, in fact, the only one that was ever completed. He remained in Philadelphia until December, 1878.

At the time of the World's Fair in Chicago Dr. Lindahl, as Curator of the state museum at Springfield, was charged with the arrangement of a geological exhibit in the Illinois state building, a task which occupied the greater part of his time from the spring of 1891 until July, 1893. In August of the last named year he was appointed on the international committee of awards, to fill a vacancy in the Swedish delegation in that body.

Dr. Lindahl has participated in a number of scientific expeditions in the capacity of zoologist. His training for scientific work had begun early. As a student in Karlshamn Dr. Lindahl had assisted Prof. Gosselman in compiling the flora of the province of Blekinge, meanwhile collecting a large herbarium and making a good beginning for a collection of Swedish land and fresh water shells, which later was added to the Augustana College Museum. At the University of Lund he was in close touch with Prof. Otto Torell, at that time Sweden's foremost scientific explorer of the Arctic regions, whose influence had much to do with determining Dr. Lindahl's line of study. When in 1869 J. Gwynn-Jeffreys, the British conchologist, visited Lund to examine Torell's collections from the Arctics, Dr. Lindahl was serving as amanuensis in the museum and as such lent assistance to the visiting scientist. This acquaintance rendered him an invitation the following spring to take charge of Mr. Gwynn-Jeffreys' own pleasure yacht, the Osprey, on a scientfic cruise off the west coast of Ireland, where zoological dredgings

were made in Dingle Bay. This trip was made in May and June, 1870. The following three months Dr. Lindahl spent participating in an expedition with H. M. S. Porcupine, under the auspices of the Royal Society of London, for the purpose of deep sea explorations, partly in the Atlantic, under the direction of Gwynn-Jeffreys, partly in the Mediterranean, in charge of Dr. W. B. Carpenter. Returning to England, Dr. Lindahl spent several months of study in the British Museum and the Museum of Comparative Anatomy in London before going back to Sweden in December.

The following year, 1871, Dr. Lindahl was the zoologist of an expedition sent out by the Swedish Academy of Science to make explorations in Greenland and more especially to bring back certain huge blocks of meteoric iron, discovered the previous year by Nordenskjöld. The party went in two ships, Ingegerd and Gladan, and spent the months of May to September in the far North. During the two successive summers he accompanied dredging expeditions along the coasts of Sweden, the purpose being to establish the prevalence and distribution of invertebrates serving as food for fish.

From 1872 to 1875 Dr. Lindahl was assistant in the Royal Swedish Museum at Stockholm, working under the direction of Prof. Sven Lovén, one of the foremost Swedish scientists of recent times.

After subsequent service at the exposition in Philadelphia, Dr. Lindahl in 1878 accepted a call to the chair of natural science at AugustanaCollege, a position which did not exist prior to his arrival. Here he taught until the spring of 1888, in the meantime working with great energy to make scientific collections as a necessary aid to instruction in his branches. He made trips in various directions in quest of material, the most extensive and fruitful one being a summer trip to California and the Farallone Islands in 1886. While at Augustana he practically created at that institution a museum of natural history, superior in extent and arrangement to most similar museums in the West. During his first years at Augustana he also taught mathematics, a subject in which he had taken the highest mark at his college graduation. He was the first professor at the college who was not a minister.

When Dr. Lindahl left Augustana in 1888 to take the more lucrative position of curator of the museum at Springfield, in connection with the office of state geologist, he found that institution in a chaotic condition, but rich in material, epecially geological specimens. After five years in charge, he left the museum scientifically arranged and greatly enriched as a result of his labors.

Being a scientist to the bone, Dr. Lindahl devoted all his energies to the museum and to geological work, never recognizing

the office as a "political" one, until his resignation was demanded by Governor Altgeld. His term of service at Springfield was from May, 1888, to July, 1893.

The next two years Dr. Lindahl lived in Chicago, devoting most of his time to teaching. In 1895 he was called to the position of director of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History and entered upon his duties in December. In this position, which he retained until September, 1906, Dr. Lindahl edited the *Journal of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History*, a scientific periodical published by the society.

While Dr. Lindahl's pen is a capable one, it is not prolific. His principal contributions are the following: In French—Expéditions Suédoises aux régions arctiques, a paper included in Notices sur la Suède a l'occasion du Congrès International des sciences géographique de 1875, a Paris; in English—Geographical Survey of Illinois, Vol. VIII; Description of a Skull of Megalonyx Leidey, published in the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society; Report on the Geological Department of the Illinois State Exhibits at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893; Description of a Devonian Ichthyodorulite, Heteracanthus Uddeni, n. sp. from Buffalo, Ia.; and Orthography of the names of the Naiades;—both of these papers were published in the *Journal of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History;* in Swedish—Om Pennatulidslägtet Umbellula Cuvier, being his thesis for the degree of Ph. D., which was embodied in the Transactions of the Swedish Academy of Sciences. Other articles by him have appeared in various Swedish, English, French and German publications from time to time. In addition to the above Dr. Lindahl must be given credit for purely literary ability of a high order, as exemplified in several popular sketches that have appeared in the Swedish-American literary annual, *Prärieblomman*, and in Swedish general newspapers.

Dr. Lindahl is a member of a number of learned societies of both continents, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists, the American Society of Invertebrate Paleontologists, the Museums Association of America, the National Geographic Society, Svenska Sällskapet för Antropologi och Geografi, the Swedish-American Historical Society, and the Ohio State Academy of Science, of which he has been president. On different occasions he has received marks of distinction at the hands of high authorities: thus, at the close of the International Geographical Exposition at Paris in 1875 the Minister of Public Instruction appointed him Officier d'Academie, and in December, 1877, King Oscar II decorated him with the Royal Order of Vasa in recognition of

his services to Sweden at the Centennial Exposition.

In 1893 Dr. Lindahl's friend and old-time comrade at the university, Dr. P. Håkansson, who discovered the medicinal properties of acetic ether, and subsequently invented Salubrin, requested him to take charge of the manufacture of that article in the United States. As a result Dr. Lindahl established a Salubrin Laboratory at Cincinnati, of which he himself is the manager. This caused him to give up his position as director of the Cincinnati Museum, and he is now preparing to move his headquarters to Chicago.

In 1877 Dr. Lindahl, then in Philadelphia, made a trip to Sweden aud brought back as his bride Miss Sophie Påhlman, a daughter of Major Carl Adolph and Mrs. Sophie Påhlman, born July 5, 1848. The marriage took place Mar. 18, 1877. Of four children born to them, the oldest, Sven Carl, died at an early age. A daughter, Eva Hedvig Sophia, born May 15, 1880, is the wife of Dag Agnar Engström, superintendent of the factory of the Separator Company of Stockholm. The other children are Seth Harald, born Mar. 12, 1882, superintendent of the Salubrin Laboratory, and Signe Elizabeth Ida Sophia, born April 6, 1884.

Outline biographies of Dr. Josua Lindahl are to be found in the National Cyclopedia of American Biography and in American Men of Science, published by the Carnegie Institute.

OTTO G. RYDEN,

lawyer and member of the Chicago bar, was born Sept. 6, 1874,



OTTO GUSTAF RYDEN

at Ryssby, Sweden, where he received his early training in the public schools, until he came to Seneca, Ill., in the early spring of 1889. Remaining there until the following September, he went to Evanston, where he has since resided. Mr. Ryden's father, Carl Gustafson Ryden, was a farmer and master mechanic. He died at Seneca, Ill., Jan. 3, 1903. The maiden name of Mr. Ryden's mother was Britta Lena Olson, who now resides with one of her daughters in Iowa.

Following the mechanical trend of his father, Mr. Ryden, while yet a mere boy, decided to learn a trade. With that purpose in view he soon became an apprentice, at the age of sixteen, with a mason contractor in Evanston. After a few years he became a

building superintendent, but realizing that there were better opportunities for trained men, Mr. Ryden decided to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered in Evanston. He therefore entered the Evanston township high school in the fall of 1895.

While a student at the high school and later at the university, Mr. Ryden found time to represent his school on some of its athletic teams, besides earning enough money by outside employment to defray his necessary school expenses. He was graduated from the Evanston high school in June, 1899, and in the fall of that year entered the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1903. Having decided before this time to enter the legal profession, Mr. Ryden entered the Northwestern University Law School in the fall of 1902 and graduated with the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Laws in June, 1905. He was then engaged by one of the oldest and most prominent law firms in Chicago, Hoyne, O'Connor & Hoyne, and, as a member of their office force, began his career as a lawyer.

While a student in the university, Mr. Ryden wrote two theses: the first in 1903, on "Some Phases of Life Insurance," and the second in 1905, on "Dedication of Land for Public Uses in Illinois."

In politics, Mr. Ryden is a Republican. He was town clerk of Evanston for four consecutive terms, beginning 1899. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and of the following fraternal organizations: the Free Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America; the National Union, and the Alpha Kappa Phi Law Fraternity.

Mr. Ryden is married to one of his former class mates. Her maiden name was Gertrude Louise Gibbs. She received her early training in the public schools of her native city, Chicago. She then attended Rockford College and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science from the Northwestern University in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Ryden have twin daughters, Alice Gertrude and Ruth Louise, born Nov. 9, 1906. They reside at 1910 Asbury ave., Evanston.

Mr. Ryden's business address is 1031–1037 Stock Exchange Bldg.

EMMY EVALD

was born Sept. 18, 1857, in Geneva, Ill. Her father was Dr. Erland Carlsson, the Lutheran pioneer, who was the pastor of Immanuel Swedish Ev. Lutheran Church in Chicago from 1853 until 1875. After receiving her early education at various schools in this country she went to Sweden and pursued her studies four years in Miss Fryxell's Woman's Academy, in Kalmar. On May 24, 1883, she was united in marriage to the Rev. C. A. Evald.

Few minister's wives are so well qualified as was Mrs. Evald for the many-sided duties devolving upon the pastor's helpmate,

especially in a large metropolitan congregation. She is an ideal housewife intimately acquainted



EMMY EVALD

with all the details of a well-managed household, but her rare talent and energy have been devoted to more far-reaching endeavors. For twenty-four years Mrs. Evald has conducted a Sunday school class whose membership is far in excess of 300, with an average attendance of 200. Mrs. Evald, besides, for many years has been superintendent of the Sunday school's infant department. She is secretary of the Old Ladies' Sewing Society, president of Bethania, the women's insurance society, and vice-president of the Immanuel Woman's Home Association, executive of the Mission Society, president of the Young Ladies' Sewing Society and a member of the committee which directs the labors of the deaconess of Immanuel Church.

Through Mrs. Evald's energetic efforts the Woman's Mission Society of the Augustana Synod was organized in 1892. The first Swedish-American woman's club, aiming at the elevation of women intellectually and morally, was brought about by her initiative. She was a member of the Chicago Woman's club for two years.

At the World's Parliament of Religions, an auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893, Mrs. Evald was president of the Lutheran Woman's Congress. There were present representative women from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Iceland and India, besides from six great Lutheran church organizations in this country. One of the results of this congress was the formation of the Lutheran Woman's International League, of which she was made president. In 1895 Mrs. Evald made an appeal for woman's suffrage before the State Legislature in Springfield, Ill., and on Sept. 18, 1897, spoke at the celebration of King Oscar's Jubilee, in the Auditorium, in Chicago. She was a representative of the Swedish women in this country, and in this capacity addressed the National Woman's Congress in Washington in 1898. The Swedish Woman's National Union, of which the Fredrika Bremer Association is a part, appointed Mrs. Evald to represent Sweden at the International Congress of Women at Washington

in 1902. Before this assembly she delivered an address in the House of Representatives. On many other notable occasions she has spoken publicly on various topics.

Mrs. Evald has two daughters, Anna Fidelia Christine, married to the Rev. C. Emanuel Hoffsten of New York City, and Frances Lillian Charlotta.

ERNEST HARALD MATHIAS YOUNGGREN

was born in Nottebäck parish, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 10, 1846.



ERNEST H. M. YOUNGGREN

He received his education in his native land, which he left in 1870, settling in Chicago, where he has since resided. Having learned the printer's trade in the old country, he immediately secured employment with the weekly *Hemlandet*. In 1877 he became foreman of the composing room. After twenty years' service he bought a linotype machine and contracted for the composition, thus modernizing the methods of the newspaper's typography.

Mr. Younggren was one of the organizers of the Scandia Building and Loan Association, and was director and treasurer for a number of years.

He was married in 1873, to Helena Sophia Holm from Mönsterås, Sweden, and resided at 1127 Roscoe st., Lake View.

In January, 1904, Mr. Younggren retired from business. Shortly afterward, Feb. 8, he died and was cremated at Graceland crematory.

MARTIN E. NELSON,

one of the most prominent contractors on the south side in Chicago, was born in Småland, Sweden, June 12, 1868. His father being a contractor, the son naturally took to that vocation. In 1868, however, he emigrated to America and settled down to work on a farm in Henry county, Illinois. This did not suit him, though, and he soon left for the western part of the country, where he resumed his old trade as contractor and builder. Being fond of travel, Mr. Nelson visited almost every state in the Union, but finally settled in Chicago, in the suburb of West Pullman, where he has a fine home. Besides being a contractor, in 1904 he was connected with the Calumet Lumber and Manufacturing Company in the capacity of su-

perintendent. One year later he resigned this position and organized the Nelson-Secord Construc-



MARTIN E. NELSON

tion Company of which he is president and treasurer. The company is doing an extensive business all over Chicago, as well as in other cities. Mr. Nelson also has had considerable experience in ship-building, having been employed for a number of years in the cabin department of F. W. Wheeler and Co., of West Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. Nelson was married in 1891 to Miss Christina Carstensen, and has four children, two boys and two girls. He is a member of several societies, such as the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and is a Past Master of Fides Lodge No. 842, Free Masons.

GUSTAF JOHNSON

was born in Säby, Visnum parish, province of Vermland, Sweden, May 21, 1845. He came to the United States in 1868, landing on June 1, with Chicago as his destination. Mr. Johnson witnessed the great Chicago fire of 1871. In the spring of 1874 he removed to Morris, Grundy co., Ill., where he engaged in the school and church furniture business. In 1880 Mr. Johnson lived for a short time in Cambridge and Geneseo, Henry co., Ill. During the same year he returned to Chicago. Since 1882 he has been in the laundry machine and hardware business at 68 E. Chicago ave.

He joined the Star Lodge, No. 75, of the Odd Fellows order



GUSTAF JOHNSON

in 1875, and has been a member of Frithiof Lodge No. 5, I. O. S., since 1891. In 1893 he was a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the Svithiod Order and has attended all subsequent Grand Lodge meetings in the same capacity. For four years he was Grand Treasurer. Mr. Johnson has belonged to the Svithiod Singing Club for twelve years and was for four years its treasurer. He has

been president of the Three Links Club. In 1891 he was vice-president of the Swedish Central Association.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1868. He has one son and three daughters, all of whom are married and live in Chicago.

JOHN E. TYDEN

was born March 3, 1867, in Småland, Sweden. He attended the



JOHN E. TYDEN

Swedish public schools, and came to America in April, 1866. Here he became engaged in the meat and grocery trade, and now has a meat market and sausage factory at 8822 Buffalo ave.

Mr. Tyden is a member of many societies, such as the Linnea, Gylfe Lodge No. 6 I. O. S.; Alient No. 201 K. of P., Engelbrecht Lodge, and Windsor Park Lodge No. 836, A. F. and A. M.

A. G. ERNEST LINDSTROM

was born in the city of Kalmar, Sweden, Oct. 14, 1856. He attend-



A. G. ERNEST LINDSTROM

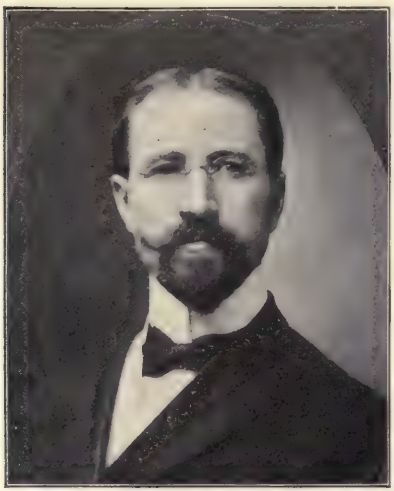
ed the public school and Kalmar high school. After completing his school studies he served for two years as designer in the cabinet works of his father, H. Lindström. After the death of the latter, the business was for four years conducted by the son. Mr. Lindstrom then went to New York, arriving in October, 1881. After a year's stay he removed to Chicago. For six years he was foreman with the Schick Co., manufacturers of cabinet work. After that time he engaged in business for himself on a small scale and made a specialty of high grade cabinet work. The output is now largely increased, and the firm name is Lindstrom & Oliver. The factory is at 192–200 N. Union st.

Mr. Lindstrom is a Lutheran. He is married to Maria Thranell

from Vestmanland, Sweden. The couple have two children, Ernst and Anna.

ENGELBRECHT NELSON

was born in Sweden Aug. 18, 1866. He emigrated to America



ENGELBRECHT NELSON

in 1889, after completing a high school course. He located in Chicago and was for some time employed as a chemist in the laboratory of the Illinois Steel Co., in South Chicago. Later he became chief chemist at the North Works of the same corporation. Mr. Nelson afterward attended the medical college of the University of Illinois, and is now a practicing physician in South Chicago.

Dr. Nelson is a member of several medical societies of Chicago and Illinois, and is one of the rising Swedish-American physicians of the city. As a fraternity man he is affiliated with the Calumet Commandery of the Knight Templars and of the Oriental Consistory of the Valley of Chicago.

CHARLES BOSTROM

was born in Boda, Vermland, Sweden, Dec. 27, 1872. His father, Johannes Jönson, was a farmer in good circumstances, and the son received a good education. He early took a liking to the industrial arts, and at the age of seventeen commenced to work at the carpenter's trade, which he pursued until 1892, when the desire to test the opportunities of the West brought him to America. He settled in Ishpeming, Mich., and found that his expectations had been greater than the realization. He secured employment for a few weeks as a hod-carrier, but when his training as a carpenter was made known, he secured employment in that line, at times, however, working as a mason, until he moved to Chicago in 1894. He



CHARLES BOSTROM

there entered into partnership with Mr. Nordvall as a contractor, continuing his connection with him until 1896, when he, together with Magnus Olson, formed the contracting firm of Bostrom & Olson, 1988 N. Clark st., which is doing a prosperous business, building from fifty to seventy-five houses a year, besides dealing extensively in realty.

In 1901 Mr. Bostrom was married to Miss Emma Carlson from the city of Örebro, Sweden, and their union has been blessed with one daughter.

He is a member of the Swedish National Association, and of the Oconto Pleasure Club, of which latter he has served as vice-president and director.

CARL H. J. CHRISTENSON, minister of the Augustana Synod of the Lutheran church, was born Feb. 6, 1867, in the parish of Askome, Halland, Sweden, the son of Nels Christenson, a laborer. In the year 1880, he came to this country, settling in Portland, Conn. Entering Augustana College in the '80s, he graduated with the college class of '92, and subsequently became a divinity student at the same institution, graduating from the Theological Seminary in 1896. The same year he was ordained minister and took charge of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Lincoln, Neb. While there Rev. Mr. Christenson was a member of the board of directors of Luther Academy, at Wahoo, Neb., for one year, and also pursued post-graduate studies for two years at the University of Nebraska.



CARL HENNING JULIUS CHRISTENSON

In 1900 he assumed charge of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Geneva, Ill, serving there until 1905, when he was called to the Saron Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago, his present charge.

While serving the Geneva church Mr. Christenson was a member of the Board of Education for three years and was an active promoter of the Geneva Conservatory of Music, serving as president and treasurer, respectively. In that period his church erected a splendid edifice at a cost of $15,000.

Mr. Christenson has served as president of the Luther League of Illinois for two years and of the Fox River Valley District of that organization for a like period. He is now a member of the board of directors of the Salem

Home for the Aged, founded at Joliet, Ill., by the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Christenson on May 27, 1897, was united in marriage to Miss Ada Davida Johnson, daughter of S. A. Johnson, of Rockford. There are three children, Maud Genevieve, born 1898, Carl Irving, born 1900, and Vera Marie, born 1902.

LOUIS CARSON

was born in Grenna, Småland, Sweden, Aug. 8, 1865, and came



LOUIS CARSON

to America in 1885. He lived one year in St. Charles, Ill., and then moved to Chicago. There he has been working at the trade of stair builder and interior finisher since the year 1890. His shop is at 51 Institute place. Mr. Carson is a member of the Elim Swedish Methodist Church of Lake View.

In 1893 Mr. Carson married Miss Amanda Carlson, and their union has been blessed with two children, Raymond and Alice. They reside at Irving Park Boulevard and Janssen ave.

JOHN M. BERGLING

was born in By parish, Dalarne, Sweden, Oct. 15, 1866. He re-



JOHN M. BERGLING

ceived his education in Sundsvall until 1880, when he, together with his father, John E. Bergling, a tailor by trade, came to this country. He early showed signs of artistic talent. It was especially recognized by the superintendent of Blauer's Watch Case Co., who entered him in the engraving department of the firm. Mr. Bergling's progress was unusually rapid. At the end of two years he took part in a competition of watch case engravers and won with the highest honors. For swiftness and good workmanship he was counted among the fore-

most in the country. He was subsequently given charge of the department.

In 1888 Mr. Bergling went to California and was in succession put at the head of several engraving departments among which was that of the San Jose Watch Co. While in California, he served two years with the San Francisco Hussars. The World's Fair attracted him back to Chicago and in the fall of 1892 he secured a position with the large jewelry house of C. D. Peacock. The following year he was given charge of the engraving department, which position he holds at the present time.

Mr. Bergling was married Nov. 4, 1899. With his wife, who was Miss Fanny A. Eklund, of Stockholm, Sweden, he has two daughters.

SILAS P. MELANDER,

photographer, was born in Jönköping, Sweden, March 14, 1853. His parents emigrated to this country the following year and settled in Chicago being among the earliest Swedish inhabitants of the city. In 1866, after obtaining his elementary schooling, the son became a photographer's assistant, and two years later established himself as a photographer at 131 Lake st. Here he was burned out in the great fire of 1871, and re-established himself the next year at 88 N. Clark st. In 1879 Mr. Melander built the finest photograph studio in Chicago, located at 208 E. Ohio st., where he is still in business.

Mr. Melander is a member of the



SILAS P. MELANDER

Trinity English Lutheran Church, and of fraternal organizations he has chosen the I. O. O. F. At this date Mr. Melander is counted with the very few survivors of the Swedish colony in Chicago in the early fifties.

VICTOR A. BOVIK

was born in the city of Lysekil, Sweden, Aug. 26, 1867. He emigrated to America, landing on March 21, 1885. Proceeding to Joliet, Ill., he made his home there until 1888. From there he removed to Chicago, establishing himself as a merchant tailor. His present location is at 546 W. 63rd st. He belongs to the Svithiod Society and is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Bovik was married April 2, 1892,

to Euphrosyne Holmgren. They have two sons, Conrad and Oliver.



VICTOR A. BOVIK

OTHO M. NORDENSTAM,

restaurant manager, now with the Morrison Hotel and Restaurant Co., formerly with the Kuntz-Remmler Co., is a native of Linderöd, Sweden, where he was born April 11, 1872, the son of Martin Ohlson and his wife, Kjersti Fajerson. He graduated from the high school in Linderöd, with the highest honors, then went to work in a store and afterward on the railroad. Subsequently he learned the cabinetmaker's trade at Höör and received his journeyman's diploma in Lund.

Coming to this country in April, 1893, he went to Minnesota, working and attending school in St. Paul and Montrose. A year later he came to Illinois. In this state he worked on a farm for two years and then went out to Nebraska, returning to Illinois after one year and a half and locating permanently in Chicago. While in Nebraska, Mr. Nordenstam took a course in the Y. M. C. A. business college in Omaha.

Obtaining a situation with the Kuntz-Remmler Company, Mr. Nordenstam during the eight years in their employ advanced to the position of manager of their restaurant at 305 Wabash ave. and secretary of the company, which position he held until January, 1906, when he resigned to take a position with the Morrison Hotel and Restaurant Company.

The following bodies claim Mr. Nordenstam as a member, namely:



OTHO MARTIN NORDENSTAM

St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865, Chicago Council No. 4, Corinthian Chapter No. 69, Columbia Commandery No. 63, all of the Masonic order; also the Royal Arcanum, Hyde Park Council No. 582.

Mr. Nordenstam's marriage to

Miss Anna McQuoid took place Dec. 31, 1902. Mrs. Nordenstam is a daughter of Daniel and Susannah McQuoid of Carthage, Ill , where she was born May 4, 1868. The couple reside at 6125 Drexel boulevard.

MARTHA SETTERGREN-HALL

was born in Hjo, Sweden, Dec. 16, 1867. Her father was a color



MARTHA SETTERGREN-HALL

sergeant in the Swedish army. She received a common school education in Sweden, and later took a course in a business college. In 1885 she emigrated to America, where she secured a position in Chicago as Swedish correspondent for P. Fahrney & Sons Co. This place she held until her marriage, July 12, 1890, to Mr. G. Robert Hall, proprietor of a tea and coffee concern, of which she is now the manager. The place of business is at 1764 N. Clark st.

Mrs. Hall has taken an active interest in women's organizations, and has been secretary of the Swedish-American Woman's Club of Chicago ever since its organization.

ADOLF PETTERSON-BERNHARDT

was born in 1866, at Malmö, Sweden. Having attended the collegiate school at Lund up to 1881, he went to Stockholm and there got a situation as clerk in the pharmacy known as "Elefanten." After passing the preliminary examinations in pharmacy in 1885, Mr. Petterson-Bernhardt served successively in Alfta, Malmö,



ADOLF PETTERSON-BERNHARDT

Askersund and Norrköping. In 1889 he was admitted to the Pharmaceutical Institute in Stockholm and two years later received his degree in pharmacy. He was again engaged as a prescription

clerk, in the "Elefanten" pharmacy, in Stockholm until 1892, when he emigrated to America.

In this country he gained experience in American business methods in Rockford, Batavia and Chicago and in 1894 opened a drug store on Belmont ave., Chicago.

In 1898 Mr. Petterson-Bernhardt began the study of medicine at Rush Medical College and National Medical University. After three years' study he received the degree of M. D.

Dr. Petterson-Bernhardt successfully passed the examination of the State Board of Health immediately after his graduation in 1901, admitting him to general medical practice in this state. His office and place of business is at 1336 Belmont ave.

THEODOR S. JOHNSTON,

pastor of the Ebenezer Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago, is the son of Andrew Johnson, a factory worker, who came over from Dalsland, Sweden, in 1869, and settled in Flintstone, Md. There the son was born March 12, 1871. Having subsequently lived for a time in Portland, Conn., the family returned to Sweden, where Mr. Johnson started a tannery at Orbol, in the parish of Ryr. The family emigrated for the second time in 1886, after the son had obtained his early schooling and been confirmed in Sweden. The Johnsons now settled at Paw Paw, W. Va., not far from Cumberland, Md., and were the only Swedes in the locality. There young Johnson worked in the fac-



THEODOR S. JOHNSTON

tories and also attended the public schools. The family in 1889 moved to Pennfield, Pa., and later to Dubois, Pa. Finally, in 1891, the family settled in Titusville, Pa., where the old folks still have their home.

In 1894 Theodor entered the second class at Augustana College, graduating with college class of 1900. Completing the divinity courses at the same institution in three years, he was ordained to the ministry at Paxton, Ill., June 14, 1903, having been called to the Ebenezer Church, which he still serves. At this juncture he added a "t" to his name for practical reasons. Rev. Johnston took charge of a congregation of 56 communicant members, owning no appreciable church property. After four years of labor in his

field, the church numbered upwards of 500 communicant members and its property, comprising a fine parsonage and a partly completed church edifice, had a value of about $26,000.

The Reverend Mr. Johnston was married July 25, 1905, to Miss Victoria Johnson, daughter of Swan and Inga Christina Johnson of Millers, Ind. Mrs. Johnston is a graduate of the normal department of Valparaiso College and taught public school for a short period.

NILS F. OLSON

came to Chicago from Killeberg, Skåne, Sweden, in 1868, a penni-



NILS F. OLSON

less boy of fifteen years, alone and with no one to assist him. He went to work in a bookbindery as errand boy, learned the trade, attended school during evenings and studied the higher branches under private tutors. In 1877, at the age of twenty-four years, he started in business for himself, in partnership with Peter Johnson, and for ten years successfully conducted a large and prosperous bookbinding business. While thus engaged, he bought and sold real estate and was one of the first Swedes to plat and lay out a large subdivision in Chicago.

In 1887 he sold his interest in the business and for three years devoted his time to real estate and traveling, visiting Europe twice during these three years. The last time he spent a whole year on an extended tour of every country in Europe.

A life of idleness was not to his liking and, returning to Chicago in 1890, he took up the study of law in the Northwestern College of Law and in the Kent College of Law, from which he graduated with honor in the spring of 1893, and has since given his time and energy to the legal profession with an ambition that has characterized his every undertaking. He was a skillful mechanic, an alert businessman, especially in the handling of Chicago realty, and in the legal profession, his success has been on a par with his efforts in other directions. The experience gained by him during his somewhat varied career is a valuable help to him in the practice of law. His office is at 160 Washington street.

Mr. Olson, in 1889, married Charlotte Lundh, a young lady

of Swedish birth, who has distinguished herself both as an educator and as an artist. She was the first Swedish woman in Chicago to gain the position of principal in the Chicago schools and for six years had charge of one of the largest schools in this city. As an artist she ranks well to the front and her pictures have been often seen at art exhibitions, invariably receiving honorable mention. She was also the first Swedish lady to be elected a member of the Chicago Woman's Club.

CHARLES G. CARLSON

has lived in Chicago since 1891. With Peter O. and Eric Holmquist he established the firm of Holmquist & Co., manufacturers of ladders and household woodenware. In 1897 he entered upon the manufacture of curtain stretchers, and organized the Chicago Curtain Stretcher Co., of which firm he is the president and secretary. At that time, curtain stretchers were a new thing, and to introduce the article to the trade cost considerable effort, but the company has succeeded well and has largely increased its output during the short time it has been doing business. It now sends goods to all parts of the United States, as well as abroad, and the factory is running full capacity all the year round at 100–108 North Lincoln street.



CHARLES G. CARLSON

Mr. Carlson was born in Finnerödja, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, Dec. 13, 1871, and was married in Chicago May 15, 1895, to Miss Maria L. Johanson, also from Finnerödja. They have two children, a boy of eleven and a girl of nine years of age. They live at 502 Cornelia st.

SOPHIA C. YOUNG

was born at Lindsborg, Kansas, March 13, 1875. She is a daughter of John Swanström and his wife Christina, née Håkanson, who were early settlers in that locality. Her public school courses completed, she attended Bethany College at Lindsborg, studying literature and elocution. She came to Chicago in 1895 to enter the Columbia School of Oratory (now Columbia College of Expression), and was graduated from that school in 1897. While completing her course she taught privately, also filling engagements for public readings. For one year, 1897–98, she was a teacher of the art of

expression and of physical culture at Augustana College, leaving her positoin just prior to her marriage,



SOPHIA C. YOUNG

May 31, 1898, to Dr. Carl O. Young of Chicago.

Mrs. Young is active in social and club circles, holding membership in a number of organizations, such as the Swedish-American Woman's Club, the Woodlawn Woman's Club, the South Side Woman's Club and Drottning Sophias Förening of Stockholm, a benevolent society organized by the Queen of Sweden. Mrs. Young was the prime mover in the organization of the Sophia Aid Society of the Washington Park Hospital, a woman's association for benevolent purposes. She is president of the Martha Washington Aid Society of the Washington Park Hospital. In 1900 she was one of the organizers of the Bethany Association of Chicago, and in 1906 was elected second vice-president of the Swedish National Association of Chicago.

After her marriage Mrs. Young did not entirely discontinue her public readings, but limited herself to participation in entertainments for purely charitable purposes.

Mrs. Young has two children, Viola and Stanley.

ALEX J. JOHNSON,

editor and publisher of *Svenska Kuriren*, was born near Stockholm, in 1850. He obtained a school and college education in that city and in 1868 was admitted to Upsala University,



ALEX J. JOHNSON

where he studied law for two years. Upon his deciding on a business career, he spent six years in Germany and France and traveled extensively in South Africa, Madagascar and the French

colonies for a mercantile house in Marseilles.

Mr. Johnson came to this country and to Chicago in 1882. For a short time he was employed by the dry goods house of C. W. and E. Pardridge and then for five years he held a position with the crockery firm of Burley and Tyrrell. He then acquired control of *Svenska Kuriren*, a Swedish weekly newspaper, of which he has ever since been the editor and publisher. Having had a taste for newspaper work from his youth and being equipped with a practical education, Mr. Johnson made a success of the enterprise from the start.

He has taken a keen interest in politics, but beyond being a member of the Republican State Central Committee, he has never held a political office. From his home county, DuPage, he has been sent as a delegate to state conventions on several occasions. The subject of American politics probably no Swedish newspaper man has mastered so well as he.

In 1880, Mr. Johnson was married to Marie Antoinette Solberg, from Oscarshamn, Sweden. Two daughters and two sons have been born to them. The eldest daughter, Hilma, was married in 1901, to Julius Dahlstrom, general agent of the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad Company in Denver, Colorado. The Johnson family have a comfortable home at Glen Ellyn, Ill.

JOHN E. YOUNGBERG

was born in Östad, Halland, Sweden. The name usually is spelled Ljungberg, being derived from the name of the parish of Ljungby. The family moved to the United States when he was four years old and located at



JOHN E. YOUNGBERG

Keokuk, Iowa, later at Davenport, Rock Island, and finally at Moline, Ill., where he attended public school.

At the age of fourteen he was sent to Kansas on a ranch in Riley co., but finding cattle dull companions, he, after a few years, began the trade of furniture making at Atchison, Kansas. Later he spent four years at Topeka, Kansas, with the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. In 1887 a local architect discovered latent artistic talent in the young man and his career as an architect thus began. The Topeka field was too limited for the student,

and Kansas City, Mo., was the next station in his dream of the art loving East and the Paris school of Architecture. He remained in the branch office of Burnham and Root of Kansas City until 1889, when he attracted the attention of the celebrated architect John W. Root, who employed him on important construction work on many of the high office buildings in Chicago until the World's Columbian Exposition, where Mr. Youngberg had charge of the construction of many of the buildings. In recognition of this he was presented with a memorial certificate of his services to the Exposition by the directors.

After the Exposition Mr. Youngberg spent several years in extensive travel and study in Europe. The winters of 1893 and 1894 were spent in the study of architecture and decorations in the atelier of Godefroy and Freynet and he passed the examinations for architecture, modeling and drawing in L'Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. While in Athens, Greece, in 1894, he made measured drawings of the Academy of Sciences and later in Paris made a water color rendering of it which was accepted and exhibited in the Salon des Champs Elysées in 1895.

Mr. Youngberg has practiced in Chicago since 1896, during which time he has constructed residences, business buildings and factories, and in 1901 he designed the Colonial Club House, 4445 Grand Boulevard, of which club he is a member.

PETER GUSTAF ALMBERG was born on the 18th of Feb., 1858, at Bengtstorp, near Elmhult,



PETER GUSTAF ALMBERG

Sweden. He studied at the high school at Hvilan, and also attended military schools. His father, O. P. Almberg, was a lumber merchant, who died in Elmhult May 1, 1900. In Sweden, the son learned the engineer's and the machinist's trade.

In June, 1883, he came to this country, landing at Quebec, and went first to Fargo, N. D., and worked as engineer for two years for the Pillsbury and Hulbert Elevator Company. Coming to Chicago in December, 1885, he worked here for two years as engineer and machinist. Since 1888, Mr. Almberg is a book and job printer at 62 E. Chicago ave., doing business under the firm name

P. G. Almberg and Co., est. 1888. He is an adherent of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, Independent Order of Svithiod, Vikings, Foresters, Maccabees and several other societies. He has been president, vice-president, secretary and trustee in several of these societies.

Nov. 24, 1887, Mr. Almberg was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Larson, of Moorhead, Minn., born June 22, 1867. They have six children, Hilda, Olga, Hans Edward, Anna, Clara, and Axel William.

LAWRENCE HESSELROTH,

the well-known druggist, now deceased, was one of the Swedish-American pioneers of Chicago. He was born in Bråsäter parsonage, in Dalsland, Sweden, Nov. 25, 1844. His father, who was a clergyman, died when Lawrence was but three years old, and only three years afterwards his mother died, leaving the young boy practically alone in the world. His brother-in-law, who was a clergyman, took an interest in young Hesselroth, however, and provided him with an education. Thus Mr. Hesselroth learned the rudiments of pharmacy from C. W. Weinberg, a druggist in Åmål, and later on was in the employ of J. A. Wallin, in Falköping, until 1864, when he passed the pharmaceutical examination. In the spring of the same year he emigrated and came direct to Chicago. He had not been in the city long before a singular opportunity presented itself. An American whose patriotism was rather lukewarm offered young Hesselroth $300 if he would enlist in the U. S. navy in his place. Mr. Hesselroth accepted the proposition and soon he was aboard the U. S. Cruiser Kenwood, No. 14, of the Mississippi Squadron,



LAWRENCE HESSELROTH

serving not only as the "Doctor's Steward," but also as the ship's apothecary. Mr. Hesselroth remained on the Kenwood until the spring of 1865, when he returned to Chicago. He afterwards worked in Rockford, Ill., St. Paul and Red Wing, Minn. Returning to Chicago, however, in 1869, he was employed with a Norwegian druggist, named Foss, on Chicago ave. In December, 1871, two months after the Chicago fire, he formed a partnership with Carl Weinberg and opened a drug

store at 53 E. Chicago ave., this being the first Swedish drug store established in the U. S. In 1878, he sold his interest and started another drug store, at 107 E. Chicago ave., where he conducted a thrifty business for a long term of years, making the corner a landmark in the Swedish colony on the north side. There are few Swedes in Chicago, or the United States, who have not heard the name Hesselroth, or who do not know of his well-known "Crown" series of Swedish family remedies.

Mr. Hesselroth was a 32nd degree Mason, and a charter member of King Oscar Lodge and a member of other fraternities. He served as president of the Swedish Glee Club, of which organization he was elected honorary member.

He was married to Miss Sofia Mathilda Blom in 1872, and died Feb. 29, 1904.

CHARLES E. HALLBERG,

marine painter, was born of very poor parents, in Göteborg, Sweden, Jan. 15, 1855. Not long after, his father died, leaving the family almost penniless. Charles had to take a hand early in the support of himself, his mother and sister, leaving little time over for attending public school.

At twelve years of age he saw a couple of water color paintings in the home of a playmate. These attracted him so that he begged for the loan of the bits of color that he might copy them. From that time he has been passionately fond of sketching and painting, though it took many years before he was enabled to



CHARLES EDWARD HALLBERG

devote serious attention to that work.

At the age of seventeen, Mr. Hallberg went to sea, on board a British brig, and for ten years he served before the mast under various flags. In 1883 he landed in this country and for the next seven years sailed on the Great Lakes. During these seventeen years he imbibed that love for the water which is evidenced by every creation of his brush. He always carried with him on ship board palette and supplies, and spent his spare moments in making rude sketches of the sea as he saw it in storm and calm.

In 1890 Mr. Hallberg settled down in Chicago and was employed as janitor in an apartment house in LaSalle ave. About

this time there was held a bazaar for the benefit of Augustana Hospital in Chicago, and Mr. Hallberg, after some hesitation, decided to donate one of his pictures to the cause. The canvas was unsigned and the gift anonymous, but it attracted attention and was sold for fifteen dollars. To the self-taught janitor-artist this was real encouragement. He began to consider how he might acquire an artistic education, but with a wife and children to support on meager wages the thing looked impossible.

After a year or two we find Mr. Hallberg as janitor of the Austin State Bank and an adjoining apartment building. There he continued to give his spare time to the palette and brush. A little four by five room in the basement of the bank building, sparingly lit up by a transom window, served as a studio, and here Janitor Hallberg painted marines when he was not stoking the furnaces or sweeping floors. Here also it was that the janitor-artist was "discovered," as told in another part of this volume.

From that time on Mr. Hallberg's name has been brought frequently before the public and his work has met with much encouragement and appreciation in artistic circles. His greatest triumph, however, was to have his "Summer Day on Lake Michigan" accepted by the national art jury of the St. Louis Exposition. Of the numerous Chicago artists only nineteen were there represented, and among these Lindin and Hallberg were the only Swedish-Americans whose works were hung in the general art hall.

Some years ago Mr. Hallberg visited Sweden and was cordially received in his native city of Göteborg, where several of his paintings were exhibited and the modest artist met with appreciation on the part of the artists and the press.

Omitting what has been said of Mr. Hallberg elsewhere in this work, we may add that he has donated his painting, "After the Storm," to Augustana College and a biblical marine, entitled "Christ Walking on the Water," to Augustana Hospital.

Jan. 21, 1885, Mr. Hallberg was married to Amanda Josefina Olson of Göteborg. They have three children, Ellen Hermina, born 1887, Sylvia Helena, born 1890, and Austin Benjamin, born 1892. The family attend the Swedish Lutheran church. Mr. Hallberg is a member of the Swedish-American Art Association of Chicago, the Chicago Society of Artists, and others.

FRED R. FRANSON

hails from the Swedish manufacturing town of Motala, in Östergötland. In 1879, on the fourth of July, he arrived on American soil, having since been a resident of Chicago for more than twenty-five years. For the past fifteen years Mr. Franson has taken great interest in the Swedish singing clubs and fraternal organizations of the

city. He has ever been a prominent member of the Svithiod Singing Club, having held the



FRED R. FRANSON

presidency of that organization for some ten years. He is the possessor of a splendid baritone voice, which has often been heard in solo parts at concerts and entertainments. He was one of the hardest workers for the success of the Swedish Day at the World's Fair in Chicago, and likewise a leading promoter of the concert tour through Sweden made in 1897 by a picked chorus from the American Union of Swedish Singers. Of the latter organization he is also an influential member.

Mr. Franson has been connected with the Illinois Central railway as skilled mechanic for nearly a score of years. For a short time he held the Scandinavian general agency for the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

ELOF JOHNSON

was born July 24, 1852, in Qvinhult, Traheryd parish, Sweden. His father was a farmer and what time Elof did not spend at school he put in assisting in the tilling of the soil and doing the chores. At the age of eighteen he traveled about peddling notions. In the spring of 1871 he emigrated to the United States. Reaching Chicago, he worked a year in a factory. Subsequently he went into the teaming business, continuing until 1876. Since that time Mr. Johnson has owned and conducted a grocery business, enjoying a thriving trade at 314 Austin ave. and at 141 W. Huron st. He was married in



ELOF JOHNSON

1882 to Miss Sigrid Mathilda Peterson, also a native of Traheryd parish. She died in 1890 leaving three sons, Elof Allen Ragnar, Axel Sigwald Reuben and Harald John Francis.

WALDEMAR G. THORSELL was born in Torshälla, Sweden, Feb. 24, 1870, the son of Gustaf



WALDEMAR GUSTAF THORSELL

and Albertina Larson. In his youth he enjoyed a common school and high school education in his native town. He worked in factories in various parts of Sweden before coming to the United States in 1895. Locating in Chicago he was for a time employed as a furniture worker and upholsterer, including two years with the National Parlor Furniture Co.

Abandoning that trade, he began work as a grinder, and soon he became the owner of a grinder's shop at 146 S. Clark st., in which, by steady application, he has worked up all the custom that can well be handled in the present quarters. A few large houses, such as Marshall Field & Co., are giving his shop the bulk of all the work it can turn out. It was in 1900 that Mr. Thorsell established his own business, and in May, 1904, he took a business partner, the firm being now known as Thorsell & DeVry.

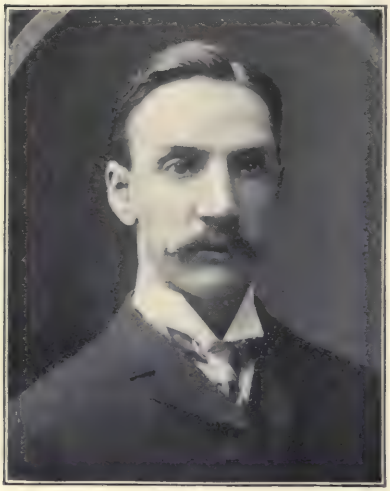
June 18, 1898, Mr. Thorsell was married to Miss Blenda Maria Sundström, born at Haparanda, Sweden, Feb. 12, 1871. She came over in 1893, as an attaché of the Swedish section at the World's Columbian Exposition. They have a daughter, Blenda Lillian, born April 18, 1899.

In 1906 the family moved out to the suburb of Palos Park, where Mr. Thorsell built a cottage, Ekhamra, on a pretty piece of acreage property in the woods.

The parents of Mr. Thorsell are still living in Torshälla, where his father has held the office of stadsfiskal for more than thirty years.

GUSTAF BRAMBERG, the secretary-treasurer of the Anderson Tea Company, was born in 1867, in Stockholm, Sweden, where he, after having finished his schooling, served as clerk in two of the large retail stores in that city until 1887, when he came to America. After having tried his fortune in different occupations, such as mining, painting and clerking in a hotel, in various parts of the country, he finally concentrated his energies on the tea business, serving first as manager for another house and afterwards establishing his own store. This he conducted until the year 1900, when he joined interests with W. F. Anderson and

incorporated the Anderson Tea Company, which is now one of the largest and best known retail



GUSTAF BRAMBERG

houses in its line in Chicago, with sixteen branch stores in different parts of the city.

C. F. KORSSELL,

physician and surgeon, was born at Korsberga parish, Småland, Sweden, April 8, 1863. Coming with the family to the United States at the age of nine years, he has since lived in this city. After attending the public schools he pursued studies at the Chicago Athenæum and Rush Medical College, graduating from the latter institution in 1886. Mr. Korssell was a practicing physician and surgeon until 1900, when he was appointed professor of medicine in the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons, and in 1902 he was appointed adjunct professor of operative surgery in the Medical School of the University of Illinois. Dr. Korssell is chief medical examiner for Chicago of the Washington Life Insurance Co., the Bankers' Life and Trust Co., the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co., and also for a number of Swedish fraternal societies. Dr. Korssell at different periods has been connected as attending physician and surgeon with the Cook County Hospital, the St. Joseph's



C. F. KORSSELL

Hospital, the Swedish Home of Mercy and the Chicago Hospital.

FREDRIK HÖGFELDT

was born March 19, 1844, in Tisselskog, Dalsland, Sweden. After attending public school he began, at the age of thirteen, to learn the tailor's trade. At the age of twenty he went into business on his own account, continuing in this capacity until 1891, when he left Sweden, landing in America in September of that year and

coming directly to Chicago. For two years he was employed with Carver & McCoy, then opened a



FREDRIK HÖGFELDT

merchant tailoring shop of his own. He continues in the same business at 169 Oak st.

In 1870 Mr. Högfeldt was married to Sara Maria Jonasson from Rud, Ånimskog parish, in Dalsland. They have four sons and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Högfeldt belong to the Swedish Mission Church, which Mr. Högfeldt for a term of years has served in the capacity of deacon.

EDWARD H. OLSON

was born in Visby, Sweden, April 21, 1854, and at the age of fourteen became a clerk in a store in his native town. Two years later he went to sea on a sailing vessel. He was on salt water for nearly fifteen years, and a few years later attended the navigation school at Visby, and at intervals gained certificates successively as second mate, first mate and captain. He sailed as chief officer in vessels for five years, making voyages to all parts of the world. In 1882 he was acting quartermaster of the British steamship Nothing Hill, from Liverpool, which carried troops from Port Natal, South Africa, to Alexandria, Egypt, at the time the British bombarded Alexandria.

Later he became chief mate of the Swedish ship Elleholm, which sailed from Liverpool, bound for the West Indies, with a cargo of merchandise. Encountering severe storms in the Atlantic, the vessel sprang aleak and sank, all of the crew of eighteen men escaping in



EDWARD H. OLSON

boats, and were afterwards picked up by an English sailing vessel. In 1883–1884 he was chief mate of the Norwegian mission ship, Elieser, which sailed from London to Madagascar, Mauritius, Bonne-

curius, South America, Jamaica, West Indies, Shields, England, and from there to Stavanger, Norway, his vessel lying in Tamatave, Madagascar, when the French men-of-war bombarded the town. He also served on an Irish vessel, named Scotsman of Londonderry. He met with numerous other adventures, the narration of which would fill a good sized volume.

During a storm at night he fell from the top of a mast, receiving an injury to his back which caused him to abandon the sea.

In 1885 Mr. Olson came to Chicago to visit his brothers, and being favorably impressed, decided to make his home here. He worked as a painter in the town of Pullman five years, and clerked in Roseland for different firms. In 1895 he was employed in the city water office and in the spring of 1896 was elected supervisor of the Town of Hyde Park, holding the office for two terms.

He now conducts a gentleman's furnishing store at 11206 Michigan ave., under the firm name af E. H. Olson and Co., with his brother-in-law as partner in the business.

In 1904 Mr. Olson was elected County Commissioner on the Republican ticket.

He was married in 1886 to Jennie Sommanson from Tingsryd, Sweden.

Mr. Olson is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Pythias, North American Union, and charter member of Palace Council No. 39, Royal League. He has served as treasurer in the South End Merchants' Association for a number of years and is a member of the Elim Swedish Lutheran Church of Pullman.

ERNEST A. KOHLER,

doctor of dental surgery, was born in Chicago Sept. 13, 1870, of



ERNEST A. KOHLER

Swedish parents. His father, Attorney John A. Kohler, settled in Chicago in 1868. Ernest secured his elementary education in the Chicago public schools, from which he graduated in 1887. He then began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. Kester. After a year and a half, he tried other occupations, acting as machinist, drug clerk and grocery salesman. Subsequently he turned back to dentistry, and after completing a course was graduated in the spring of 1890 from the American College of Dental Surgery with the degree

of D. D. S. He at once opened an office and has since successfully practiced his profession in Chicago. His office is at 1206 Garfield boul. Dr. Kohler keeps abreast with his profession.

Sept. 26, 1894, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, born in Canada Jan. 18, 1872.

ANDERS E. ANDERSON

was born at Tranås, Skåne, Sweden, Jan. 11, 1865. His father



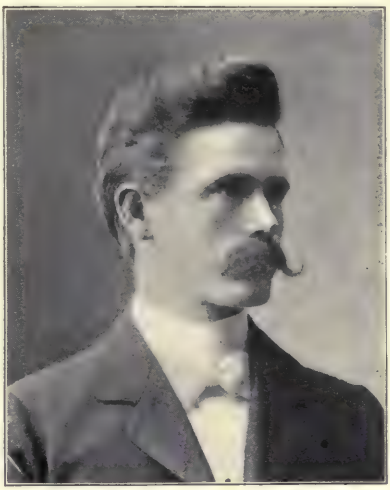
ANDERS E. ANDERSON

was a prominent building contractor. After having attended the grammar and high school, Mr. Anderson emigrated in 1889, comming directly to Chicago. In 1890 he started in the real estate, loan and investment business, in which he has prospered. His office is in the Unity Building and he resides at the Lexington Hotel, Michigan ave. and 22d st.

Mr. Anderson is a member of King Oscar Lodge of Free Masons, of the Mystic Shrine and of the Iroquois Club.

CARL O. YOUNGQVIST

was born Aug. 21, 1872, in Ölmestad, Småland, a son of Johannes

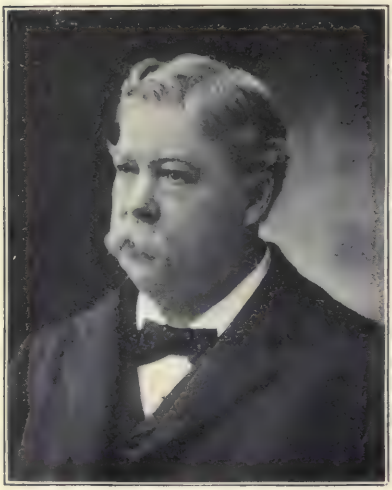


CARL O. YOUNGQVIST

Gustafson, a stone mason. He attended the public school until he was twelve years old, when he had to begin earning his own living. Mr. Youngqvist left Sweden and went to Lafayette, Indiana, in March, 1893. Soon after he came to Chicago where he learned the custom tailor's trade. After working two years for C. Bäckstrom he went into partnership with him in 1900 under the firm name of Bäckstrom and Youngqvist. The shop is at 40 Wendell st. Mr. Youngqvist was married in 1898, to Miss Emma Christina Wiklund, with whom he has two children. Mr. and Mrs. Youngqvist are members of the Swedish Mission Church.

CARL O. BERGQUIST

was born in the town of Mönsterås, Småland, Sweden, June 9,



CARL OLOF BERGQUIST

1846. His parents were Johan P. Bergquist, a merchant, and Anna G. Bergquist.

At the age of sixteen he became a clerk in the post office at Mönsterås. He was twice appointed acting postmaster, and was made a postal clerk without the usual requisite of a college education.

In 1870 Mr. Bergquist emigrated to the United States. At first he worked in Riverside, which was then being laid out. Later he found employment in a furniture store on Randolph st. In January, 1871, he formed a partnership with Charles P. Holmberg, in the insurance business. Mr. Bergquist was a member of the Swedish military company, formed just after the great Chicago fire to aid in guarding the city. When Mr. Holmberg with others, purchased the book and publishing business in Chicago, owned by the Augustana Synod, Mr. Bergquist bought his interest in the insurance office. He has since acted as loan and mortgage broker as well as life and fire insurance agent. For many years he has had the agency for leading companies.

Mr. Bergquist is vice-president of the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Co., and also of Skandia Loan and Investment Association.

With his wife, Wendla A. Bergquist, he has two daughters, Signe W. and Nanna G., and two sons, Carl B. and Hjalmar E. Bergquist. The sons are now associated with their father in the insurance business, the present style of the firm being, Carl O. Bergquist and Sons, their office being located at 213 E. Chicago ave. Carl B. Bergquist is also a mining broker, with headquarters at Encampment, Wyoming.

NILS BERGMAN,

physician and surgeon, was born April 11, 1862, in the city of Venersborg, Sweden. There he graduated with the degree of A. B. from the Venersborg Elementary School, and during the following three years studied art subjects in Stockholm and literary and medical subjects in Göteborg. He arrived in Chicago in the spring of 1886, resuming medical studies in various hospitals and at the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, which he entered in 1889. The following years up to his gradua-

tion in 1892 he spent as interne in hospitals in Chicago.

In 1893 he went abroad to the European medical centers to com-



NILS BERGMAN

plete his medical education. During that year he studied in London, Berlin, Vienna and elsewhere.

During his European sojourn he was married in Florence, Italy, to Miss Tekla E. Björkman, daughter of C. A. and Helena Björkman. They now have two children, Norna and Eric, two having died at a tender age.

After returning to the States, Dr. Bergman moved to Dwight, Ill., and settled down to practice. In November, 1900, he removed to Joliet, and in the summer of 1904 he returned to Chicago, where he is now practicing, with office at 319 Winthrop ave.

Dr. Bergman belongs to the church of the New Jerusalem, north side parish. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association, and other professional organizations. He is a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 308, A. F. and A. M. Dr. Bergman was assistant house physician at the Lincoln Park Sanitarium and Hospital 1889–93 and is now connected with the Hering Homeopathic Medical College as professor and lecturer in theory of practice, the appointment dating from 1904.

C. A. TIDEN

was born in Sollefteå, Ångermanland, Sweden, on June 15, 1850. At the age of seventeen years he began to learn the watchmaker's trade with Alfred Grön-



C. A. TIDEN

lund in Sundsvall. After his apprenticeship was over he went to Göteborg and was employed four years by C. L. Malmsjö. From there he returned to Northern Sweden and then went to Stock-

holm where he was in the service of J. W. Grönbäck. In 1879 he made a tour of Denmark and Germany and continued his journey until he landed in New York in the latter part of May, 1879. After a few months he came to Chicago where he has since been located with the exception of three years spent in Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Tiden was seven years in the employ of J. S. Townsend, 1554 Wabash ave. He subsequently served ten years with the C. D. Peacock jewelry house. In 1900 he obtained a position as watchmaker with Spaulding & Co., corner Jackson and State streets, which position he still retains.

CARL M. ALLSTRÖM

was born Oct. 18, 1833, in Fellingsbro parish, Nerike, Sweden.



CARL MAGNUS ALLSTRÖM

He attended school at Örebro and Upsala.

In 1870 he came to America. In the city of Chicago he has has served as clerk in the Chicago Post-office and in the Newberry Library.

After making researches for nine years he completed a genealogy of all the royal houses of Europe from the earliest down to the present time. The title of the book is "Dictionary of Royal Lineage," and it was published in 1904, in two volumes, a second edition coming out in 1907.

In 1873 Mr. Allström was wedded to Miss Olivia Mathilda Sundholm, born in 1854 at Öfverum, Sweden. They have five children, of whom one daughter, Della, was married in 1903, to Rev. Wilmot Colsom Stone of Newport News, Va.; a son, Oliver, who married Sarah Davis from Wales, England, in 1904, is a poet, having had a book of poems published under the title, "Chords from a Strange Lyre." Their other children are James, Anna and Alice.

GUSTAF BERGSTROM

was born in Ronneby, Blekinge, Sweden, Sept. 18, 1863. Emigrating from Sweden he came directly to Chicago, arriving here in the latter part of April, 1886.

He entered the custom vest manufacturing trade and learned it thoroughly. Then, in 1895, Mr. Bergstrom embarked in business for himself as a custom vest maker and has since continued in that line with success.

His large establishment, with



GUSTAF BERGSTROM

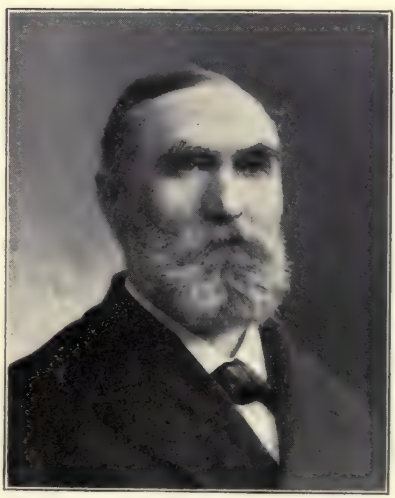
its hundred busy workers, is located at 157 Gault court.

JOHN G. PRINCELL

is one of the eminent figures in the so-called Free Church movement, whose adherents are generally known as Mission Friends. Moreover, he is the virtual founder of that branch of the Mission Church known as the Swedish Evangelical Free Mission, in contradistinction to the other groups of Mission churches, known as the Mission Covenant and the Swedish Congregationalists. The part Princell has played as a churchman having been dealt with under its proper head in the historical part of the present work, this sketch is confined to the personal features of his eventful career.

John Gustaf Princell was born in Tolg parish, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 18, 1845. In July, 1856, he came with his parents to this country. After a stay of a year and three months in Chicago, the family removed to Princeton, Ill., where they lived for eight years.

In the fall of 1862, Princell, then a youth of seventeen, went to Chicago to enter the theological seminary maintained by the Augustana Synod. This step was taken in connection with his spiritual regeneration, which took place the same year. He preached his first sermon on the last Sunday of the year in the Swedish Lutheran Church of Princeton. Shortly after his arrival in Chi-



JOHN GUSTAF PRINCELL

cago he undertook to teach a class of boys in the Sunday school of the Immanuel Church. With his pupils, who were almost his own age, he succeeded remarkably well, and as a result he was frequently asked to preach or to read from the pulpit sermons by Luther,

Rambach and others. Upon the removal of the school to Paxton, Princell continued his studies there up to the spring of 1867, when he obtained a situation in the business office of *Hemlandet* and the Lutheran Publication Society in Chicago. At New Year's, 1869, he became associate editor of the paper. He soon abandoned this work owing to weak eyes, and in the fall of that year he took up studies at the old Chicago University, continuing until the following summer, meanwhile supplying the pulpit of the Salem Church. From the fall of 1870 to the spring of 1872 he pursued studies at the German-American Lutheran theological seminary in Philadelphia. After graduating from the latter institution, he was ordained by the Pennsylvania Ministerium in May, 1872, and accepted a call from the Swedish Lutheran Church in Campello, Mass. Besides his duties in that field, he carried on mission work in Boston, preaching there every Sunday evening. In January, 1873, he assumed charge of the Gustaf Adolf Church in New York City, where he labored until the spring of 1879. Both of these fields he had visited frequently while a student at Philadelphia.

At the annual meeting of the Augustana Synod in 1878, Rev. Princell was suspended from the ministry for teachings at variance with the Lutheran doctrine of vicarious atonement. As early as the later '60s he had come into intimate contact with the Mission Friends in Chicago and in 1877 had wholly endorsed the doctrine of atonement, as taught by Waldenström, which had created a schism and defection in the Lutheran State Church of Sweden. Later he also accepted the principle to admit to membership in in the church or participation in the communion only such persons as confessed actual conversion.

The suspension was for one year, or until the next synodical meeting. Princell, however, continued in charge of his church, maintaining that as no notice or warning had been given the action was illegal, and, furthermore, that as his church was not an integral part of the synod, it had no weight. The congregation was content to have him remain as its pastor. At the New Year's meeting of the church, a resolution embodying Princell's idea of reform in the matter of members and communicants was submitted and carried. But at an adjourned meeting held a month later the same resolution was reconsidered and voted down by about 70 votes to 35. Rev. Princell was invited to retain his position under the old order of things, but this he would not do, so he resigned. When he left the church three months later, 42 of its members determined to withdraw, and 27 of these, with the pastor, organized the Bethesda Church in Brooklyn on March 5. This action marked the actual withdrawal of Rev. Princell from the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod, although he did not preach his fare-

well sermon until two months later.

He labored in Brooklyn and New York that spring, also visiting Campello, where the pulpit had been vacated and a defection was going on. Shortly afterward Princell was called to the regular Lutheran pastorate in Campello and removed there just before making a summer visit to Sweden. On the first Sunday after his return in October he was forbidden the pulpit and immediately repaired to a hall, where the free brethren met. Thus, in an irregular manner the call was withdrawn. Princell continued to preach alternate weeks to the separated groups in Campello-Boston and New York-Brooklyn until the summer of 1880.

In the meantime two calls had been extended to him—one from the Tabernacle Mission Church in Minneapolis, the other from Ansgarius College of Knoxville, Ill., then under the control of an independent association. The latter he accepted, continuing at the head of this school until 1884, when, owing to the dissolution of the Ansgarius Synod, the institution ceased to exist. Thereupon he was editor of *Chicago-Bladet* for five years. In the fall of 1889 he began publishing a religious monthly entitled *Frihet och Frid*, dividing his time between that publication and the vocation of a traveling evangelist. In 1892 the magazine was discontinued, Princell pursuing mission work exclusively until 1894. Then, for two years, he was pastor of the Free Mission Church in Minneapolis, but was compelled to abandon pastoral work owing to defective hearing.

When a Bible Institute was opened in 1897, under the auspices of the Free Mission, at Oak St. Mission Hall in Chicago, Princell was engaged as the principal lecturer, and is still continuing in this work.

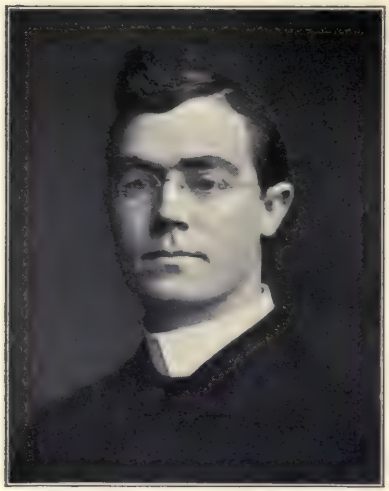
Rev. Princell is a scholarly gentleman, who spends a large part of his time in his own well-stocked library. Besides his voluminous contributions to the columns of *Chicago-Bladet*, he has written a History of the Jews (688 pp.) and translated into English several of P. Waldenström's writings, viz., "Jesu blod," "Försoningens betydelse" and "Herren är from." It should be added that Mrs. Princell, who is a woman of literary talent, has proved an efficient helpmeet to her husband in his religious and educational work as well as his literary pursuits.

Rev. Princell is a forceful public speaker and is generally accorded a place among the foremost Swedish-American pulpit orators and Bible exponents.

O. NELSON VERENIUS

was born in Sweden, June 25, 1876. He came to America in October, 1899, and lived in Oakland, Cal., from 1899 until 1901. In September of that year he began studying at North Park College, and is a graduate of its divinity school. Having been

ordained to the ministry he assumed the pastorate of the Swedish Mission Church of the East Side Station, South Chicago.



O. NELSON VERENIUS

In 1906, he withdrew from his church and in June, 1907, was ordained as minister in the Augustana Synod. Rev. Mr. Verenius is pastor of the First Swedish Lutheran Church at Racine, Wis.

Oct. 12, 1904, he was married to Miss Marie Sorlie from Sioux City, Iowa. She graduated from the music department of North Park College.

ALFRED A. NORTON

was born on his father's farm in the province of Vermland, Sweden, and came to the United States in the year 1886. He attended the Central High School in Minneapolis, Minn., and subsequently entered the University of Minnesota, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897 and with that of Bachelor of Laws two years later from the law department of the same institution. In 1902, Mr. Norton opened an office in Chicago and has been engaged in the practice of law here since that time. His present office is at 1518 Ashland Block.

Mr. Norton is well-known in Swedish fraternal circles, being a member of the King Oscar lodge, A. F. and A. M., the John Ericsson lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Nore lodge of the Independent Order of Svithiod.

He is affiliated with the People's Liberal Church of Englewood. For several years past, Mr. Norton has taken an active interest



ALFRED A. NORTON

in the work toward the support of the Swedish Old People's Home at Park Ridge, and he is now vice-president of the Swedish Societies' Central Association, the organization by which that institution is maintained.

JOSEPHINE PRINCELL

was born in Råneå, Norrbotten, Sweden, Oct. 12, 1844. She is



JOSEPHINE PRINCELL

the daughter of C. A. Lind, who was an officer in the Swedish army, and his wife, Johanna Larson, both deceased. She attended a private school for girls in Stockholm, and later completed the course of studies at the Royal Seminary for the training of teachers for higher schools for girls. Having graduated in 1864, she taught for nine years in a public school in Stockholm.

In 1873 she came to the United States for the purpose of studying the American public school system. She visited Boston, New York and Philadelphia, subsequently reporting her observations to the board of public schools of Stockholm, her report appearing in one of the principal newspapers of Sweden.

She remained in the United States on a two years' leave of absence, and then resigned her teacher's position in Stockholm to settle in Boston. There she married Rev. J. G. Princell and afterward followed her husband to New York City, where he had pastoral charge of the Gustaf Adolf Swedish Lutheran Church.

When, in 1880, Rev. Princell accepted the presidency of Ansgarius College at Knoxville, Ill., Mrs. Princell resumed her former vocation and taught both English and Swedish branches. Four years later Rev. Princell accepted the position of editor of *Chicago-Bladet*, owned and published by John Martenson of Chicago, and his wife then became a regular contributor to that paper. Among her contributions were a "History of the Martyrs," which was published serially in weekly installments for more than fourteen years, also notes on the Sunday school lessons, which are still continued.

Mrs. Princell is a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union since 1890, having received her impetus to that work during her residence in Evanston, where she formed the personal acquaintance of Miss Frances Willard. For many years Mrs. Princell was actively engaged as lecturer and organizer for the union among her countrymen in the Northwestern states.

After the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Princell from Minnesota, where they resided for nine years

or up to eight years ago, she resigned her position as lecturer and organizer, but continues as assistant national superintendent of work among the Scandinavians.

For the past two years Mrs. Princell has been a contributor to *Kvinnan och Hemmet*, a woman's home magazine, published in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For a number of years past she has edited and published a Christmas annual in book form, entitled *Skogsblommor*, which is now circulated in about 3,000 copies per year.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs Princell took place Sept. 18, 1876. Of five sons born to them, four are living. The eldest, Gustave Adolph, born 1877, died in 1900 from a disease contracted during military service in the Philippines, where he was a corporal of the 13th Minnesota Volunteers. The children now living are Joseph Carl, born 1880, married to Ellen Fredeen of Minneapolis; John Magnus, born 1882, married to Ethel Currie of Merriam Park, Minn.; Paul Peter, born 1885, and Bennie Herman, born 1887.

CLARENCE S. ONGMAN

was born May 31, 1873, in St. Paul, Minn., where he obtained a public school education. Later he moved to Philadelphia, where he continued his studies at Temple College. Mr. Ongman went to Sweden in 1890, where he studied under a private tutor and afterwards took a course at the Technical School of Örebro. He returned to America in 1893 and during the World's Fair was a correspondent for a number of leading Swedish newspapers. Upon the advice of Mr. John L. Stod-



CLARENCE SHELDON ONGMAN

dard and Col. Russell H. Conwell he began to prepare for the lecture platform in 1896 and has since become a lecturer of some prominence.

In 1897 Mr. Ongman went to Cuba under the auspices of the Ladies' Cuban Aid Society of Philadelphia, his purpose being to study the political as well as the social conditions of the island. Upon his return to America Mr. Ongman gave a series of interesting lectures anent his impressions of Cuba, which were very well received. He illustrated his lectures with stereopticon views.

The titles of some of his lectures follow: "Sweden, the Land of the Midnight Sun," "Washington, our National Capital," "The Siege of

Pekin," and "The Lutherans in America."

Of late Mr. Ongman has abandoned the lecture platform and is at work in the engineering department of the city of Chicago.

WILLIAM WESTERLUND

was born in Orion, Ill., Nov. 14, 1863. His father, Peter Westerlund, came to Henry county as a boy of thirteen, in 1850. William attended the Orion high school and later the Davenport Business College, Davenport, Iowa. After returning to Orion he became city clerk and a justice of the peace. In 1882 he founded the Bank of Orion and was its cashier for ten years, or until it was merged with the State Bank of Orion.



WILLIAM WESTERLUND

In 1896 Mr. Westerlund moved to Chicago to take advantage of the greater business opportunities offered in the metropolis of the West. For several years he was identified with colonization work in Texas and Alabama. In 1904 he began handling lands in the Pacific Northwest and in Nebraska, and was special land and immigration agent for the Northwest for the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads. Shortly after he, with his brother, John A. Westerlund, organized the Western Oregon Orchard Company, a co-operative fruit-raising association, which is developing hundreds of acres of orchard land near Medford, Ore., and he is now treasurer of the company.

Mr. Westerlund is married to Miss Minnie Samuelson, daughter of Carl Magnus Samuelson, who settled in Henry county, Ill., in the '50s. Mrs. Westerlund, like her sister, Mrs. Hannah Butler, is a gifted singer, who for a number of years has been a soloist in various churches. The date of their marriage was May 28, 1891. Their children are Marjorie, Lillian and Florence.

The family attends the Augustana Swedish Lutheran Church in Hyde Park, where Mr. Westerlund is a trustee.

PEHR W. NILSSON

was born Jan. 23, 1853, in Esphult, Skåne, Sweden. He came with his parents to America, landing June 8, 1866. After taking a course of studies at the law school of Lake Forest University, he began the practice of law. Mr. Nilsson was deputy Circuit Court clerk for four years and was assistant city prosecuting attorney of Chi-

cago for five years, having been appointed during Mayor Harrison's administration.



PEHR W. NILSSON

Mr. Nilsson has never belonged to the Republican party, but claims credit for prompting the recognition of his fellow countrymen by that party. In the early eighties Mr. Nilsson, with a handful of Swedish Democrats, made a stir which caused the Republican press to inquire whether the Swedes were deserting the Republican party and turning Democrats.

Mr. Nilsson has been secretary and president of the Swedish Old Settlers' Association of Chicago. He belongs to the Protected Home Circle and the Foresters.

FREDERICK LUNDIN

was born May 18, 1868, in Vestra Tollstad parish, Östergötland, Sweden. He came with his parents to Chicago in 1878, and in this country enjoyed a general education in the public schools.

Mr. Lundin's successful career in business as a manufacturer, and in politics as state senator, was preceded in his early years by the hardships and struggles common to most immigrants who come to this land of promise empty of hand and pocket. Beginning literally at the bottom, he was at first a newsboy and bootblack, then was employed in a clothing house in Chicago. Here he was soon advanced to be salesman.

He and his brother, in 1889, began the manufacture of a beverage much in favor and ex-



FREDERICK LUNDIN

tensively used in Sweden. Success crowned their efforts and soon the business reached such proportions that it was found necessary to invest more capital, and accordingly the firm of Lundin and Co. was incorporated in

January, 1894. With a working capital of $100,000 it was possible to do business on a large scale. The Juniperade put out by the firm has been extensively advertised and is at present sold to almost every part of the civilized world. Lundin and Company's office and laboratory are at 2443–2447 W. Kinzie st., where, besides Juniperade, several other preparations and family remedies are compounded.

In 1894, Mr. Lundin was chosen state senator of Illinois with a large majority over his Democratic opponent. He has always been a stanch adherent of the Republican party.

OSCAR E. WESTERBERG

was born July 13, 1875, in Rosenborg, Vermland, where his



OSCAR E. WESTERBERG

father, Carl P. Westerberg, is a farmer. He attended public school in Sweden and came to America in 1892. On coming to Chicago, Mr. Oscar Westerberg successfully engaged in the coal business. At present he and his partner, F. Nelson, deal in coal and do furniture moving. They transact business under the firm name of Nelson and Westerberg, at 3569 N. Clark st.

Mr. Westerberg belongs to the Swedish Methodist Church and is a member of the Epworth League.

FRED H. CARLSON

was born May 9, 1867, in the Swedish city of Jönköping. His



FRED H. CARLSON

father, Johan Carlson, now deceased, was a glove manufacturer, from whom the son learned the trade. He later emigrated to America, in June, 1883, landing at Boston, from whence he came on to Chicago directly. After working in several factories he engaged in the glove manufactur-

ing business with C. Skoglof. The firm makes fine kid gloves for the trade and is said to own the largest ladies' and gents' kid glove factory between New York and San Francisco, employing over fifty workmen. The business office is at 271 E. Madison st.

Mr. Carlson resides at 1083 Winona st., Argyle, with his family, consisting of wife and three children, Julia Carolina Helena, born March 11, 1894, Hilding Fred, born June 14, 1900, and Theodor Wilhelm, born May 10, 1905. Mrs. Carlson was Caroline Olsen, born Nov. 23, 1870, daughter of Johan Olsen. The marriage took place May 6, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are Lutherans.

CARL OSCAR NELSON

was born in Chicago Sept. 2, 1886. His father is Police Officer Olof Nelson of the Attrill street station and his mother is Mary, née Olson.

Carl learned to play a toy violin given him when he was six years old. Before he was thirteen he had made two violins with his own hands, using a pocket knife for a tool. His first music teacher was S. A. Hunt, who added him to his Juvenile Orchestra. A year later he became the leader of the orchestra, which is still under his directorship. At that time he became a pupil of the late Signor Pasquale Capone, at the Chicago Conservatory of Music, where he has been engaged as instructor after his graduation. Mr. Nelson also has



CARL OSCAR NELSON

conducted a violin school on the west side.

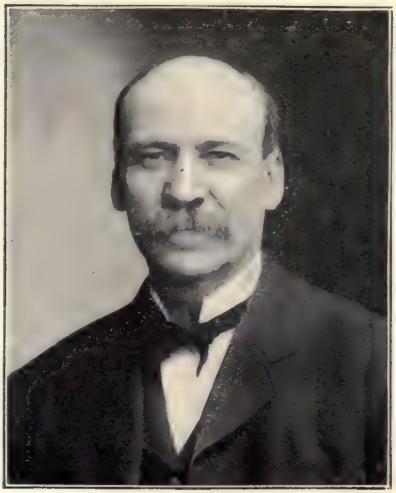
Mr. Nelson began his career as a concert performer when a mere boy, attracting considerable attention on account of his precocity, evincing a musical talent above the ordinary for his years. He has been often heard at concerts and public entertainments in Chicago and elsewhere in the West.

Mr. Nelson has also tried his talent at composing, two of his musical compositions being entitled, "The Beautiful Rose," and "Heaven's Golden Crown."

FRANK A. BERGMAN

was born in Arvika, Vermland, Sweden, Oct. 10, 1845. His father, who was a master shoemaker in the little city above named, moved

to America in 1852, and three years later sent for his family. They went first to Detroit, then



FRANK A. BERGMAN

to Chicago, and finally located in Red Wing, Minn., then a frontier village. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the elder Bergman enlisted and went to fight for the Union cause. In the meantime new calls for volunteers were issued, and Frank Bergman, then only sixteen years old, enlisted in a company formed at Fort Snelling. This company did not then get an opportunity to fight the rebels, however, but was employed in a campaign against the Indians, who had just made an uprising in the Northwest, and the actual hardships and privations incident to military life were perhaps no less here. He continued doing military service until November, 1865, when his father, who in the meantime had returned home from the war, and disapproved of his son's enlistment, secured his discharge on the ground that he was a minor. Later the young soldier organized a company of state troops, of which he was chosen a lieutenant.

In 1865 Mr. Bergman came to Chicago and began to work as a tinner, and four years later started a business of his own in that line, under the firm name of F. A. Bergman & Co. In 1876 he entered into partnership with E. T. Mason. The business was considerably enlarged, and the name of the firm changed to E. T. Mason & Co. They continued a steadily growing business, until 1900, when the tin can department was sold to the American Can Company, otherwise known as the "Tin Can Trust."

In 1869 Mr. Bergman was married to Miss Elizabeth F. Mason, sister of his business partner. They have had ten children, of whom three sons and two daughters are still living. The three sons are in business with their father at 193 W. 21st st. in the manufacture of ice cream freezers, self-heating sad irons and sheet metal specialties. One of the daughters, Marie Louise Bergman, who has a beautiful soprano voice, has studied in London with prominent English teachers for two years and later in Paris under Sbrilja and other noted instructors.

Mr. Bergman, formerly a Lutheran, is now a member of the Ethical Culture Society of Chicago, of which organization he has served as a trustee. He has also

been treasurer of Home Lodge, No. 416, I. O. O. F., and held other responsible positions in the order.

AMANDUS N. ANDERSON
AND
BENGT S. ANDERSON

Mr. Amandus N. Anderson was born in Brusarp, Nöttja parish, Kronoberg län, Sweden. He conducts a coal and expressing business at 1421–1425 Belmont ave., together with his brother, Bengt S. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is married to Mamie E. Newman. They have two daughters, Hazel Lillian and Bernice Ellen.

Mr. Bengt Salomon Anderson, also born in Brusarp, emigrated to the United States in 1888, two years later than his brother, and located in Chicago, later forming the firm of Anderson Brothers. He is married to Miss Hannah C. E. Anderson.

ANDREW GUSTAF BERG

was born in Östergötland, Sweden, Feb. 19, 1859, and came to this country in June, 1879. He located at Perth Amboy, N. J., then at Worcester, Mass., and finally came to Chicago. Like most newly arrived foreigners, he had little or no money and at first had to work very hard for low wages as helper in a rolling mill. Thereafter he had a flour and feed store for seven years, and later started a grocery store and meat market at 718 Winnemac ave. which is still being successfully operated by him.

Mr. Berg is a member of



ANDREW GUSTAF BERG

the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church and a trustee of his congregation. He has also served as steward of the church, as Sunday school superintendent and class leader, and has held the offices of secretary, third vice-president, and president of the Epworth League. He was chosen delegate to the International Conference of the Epworth League at Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1897.

EPHRAIM J. SWANSON

was born July 4, 1874, in Stockholm. His father, Pehr Swanson, a shoedealer, removed to Upsala, where the boy attended school and then took a five years' course in the high school. He later studied the art of decorating under Edward Bergh in Stockholm. In 1891 he came to Chicago to-

gether with the family. Here he worked for John A. Thorstenson, interior decorator, for nine years,



EPHRAIM JOHANNES SWANSON

and thoroughly learned the painting trade as practiced in America. In 1900 the E. J. Swanson Co. was formed, with Mr. Swanson as president. He has a well equipped paint store and shop at 1883 N. Clark st. Mr. Swanson has had many contracts for work in various public schools and churches.

Mr. Swanson was married Dec. 17, 1898, to Miss Helga Göranson, daughter of Carl Göranson of Motala, Sweden. A son, Harry, was born in 1900.

CARL GUSTAF WALLIN

was born in Askeryd parish, Småland, Sweden, Feb. 17, 1863. He came to Moline, Ill., in November, 1881. Realizing that a business education would prove invaluable to him, he took a course at the International Business College of Davenport, Iowa, in 1885. Subsequently he worked in various capacities for John Deere and Co., of Moline. Mr. Wallin went to Chicago in 1893, and engaged in the real estate business. He was one of the founders of the Swedish Home Building Association of Chicago and since 1897 has been its secretary. He still continues in the real estate business with office at 101 Washington st.

Mr. Wallin is a member of the Zion Swedish Lutheran church



CARL GUSTAF WALLIN

and is one of its trustees. He is an independent Republican in politics.

GUSTAF AARON YOUNG,

president of the Swedish Ev. Free Mission of America, was born in the province of Vestergötland, Sweden, May 27, 1865. He spent his early days working on his father's farm, until 1886, when

he emigrated. After a short stay in Connecticut he left for the western States. In August of



GUSTAF AARON YOUNG

that year he preached his first sermon, and since then he has proclaimed the Gospel in many of the states of the Union, having had charge of churches and missions in Kiron, Iowa; Salt Lake City, Utah; East Chain Lakes, Minn.; Kansas City, Missouri, and Boone, Iowa. For six years Rev. Young was pastor of the Oak St. Swedish Mission Church, Chicago. In February, 1907, he became pastor of the Englewood Swedish Free Church.

Mr. Young has had no college education, but is a gifted and powerful public speaker, is naturally studious, a lover of books and an untiring worker.

Besides the duties of his own church, Mr. Young takes an active part in other branches of the mission work, both at home and abroad. He has for several years served as chairman of the Swedish Ev. Free Mission of America and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission, the Canton Mission, the Swedish Bible Institute of Chicago, and has held other offices of a similar nature. Rev. Young is the author of "Hjälpreda för Bibelskolan," a Biblical catechism.

In 1889 he was married to Miss Ida C. Isaacson, an Iowa school-teacher, who has been of immense help to him in his church work. They have seven children, viz., Eldon, Edna, Mildred, Blanche, Russell, Wilbur and Rutherford.

ANDREW G. WILLIN

was born in Kil parish, Vermland, Sweden, Jan. 1, 1867. Having



ANDREW G. WILLIN

been educated in the Swedish common school, he came to Chi-

cago in 1887, from his native place. Since 1892 he has been in business for himself as merchant tailor. His shop is at 1250 East Ravenswood Park, and he resides in Ravenswood. Mr. Willin is a member of the Apostolic Church on LaSalle ave.

GUSTAV V. VALENTINE

was born Nov. 22, 1863, in Askeryd, Småland, Sweden. He



GUSTAV V. VALENTINE

emigrated to this country in 1870 with his parents, who settled in Moline, Ill. After working a few years in the John Deere plow works, he went in 1886 to Minneapolis and associated himself with his brother, Carl Vallentin, as a book and music dealer. In 1891 he removed to Chicago and was engaged in the real estate business for several years. He then purchased from C. A. Devereaux the patent for a ladies' dress cutting system and after having obtained experience, invented an original system which was patented in 1902. The system which is called Valentine's New Self-Calculating Ladies' Tailoring and Dress Cutting System, is gaining favor with professional and amateur dressmakers.

Mr. Valentine conducts two schools of cutting, designing and ladies' tailoring, one at 857 N. Clark st. and another at 86 State st. A number of schools in various parts of the country are using the Valentine system.

In 1886 and again in 1893, Mr. Valentine visited the mother country and other parts of Europe.

He is one of the men who organized the Svea Building and Loan Association, and has served as a director and appraiser of the association.

J. ERNEST REHNSTROM,

doctor of dental surgery, was born Feb. 15, 1874, in New Sweden, Iowa, where his father, the Rev. John E. Rehnstrom, was pastor of the local Swedish Lutheran Church. Dr. Rehnstrom's early boyhood was spent at Red Oak, Iowa. In 1885 he removed with his parents to Alta, Iowa, where he attended high school. In 1888–89 he studied at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. In the meantime his home was established at Sioux City, Iowa. Dr. Rehnstrom graduated from the commercial department at Augustana

College in 1893. After a few years spent at Sioux City, he took a course at the Northwestern



JOSEPH ERNEST REHNSTROM

Dental School and received his degree in 1900. Since then he has practiced his profession with office at 445 N. Clark st. Dr. Rehnstrom is on the staff of Augustana Hospital as chief of the department of Dental Surgery.

He is a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, the Chicago Odontographic Society, and the Scandinavian - American Dental Society.

He belongs to the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church.

Dr. Rehnstrom was married on June 26, 1907, to Julia Augusta Eckholm.

JOHN A. PETERSON

was born Feb. 18, 1848, in Gärahof, Byarum parish, Sweden. He obtained a common school education in his native country. In 1870 he emigrated to the United States, arriving May 30. For a period of ten years he was occupied in farming, near Galva, Ill., and Red Wing, Minn. Mr. Peterson thereupon became a salesman in the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago. This position was retained from 1880 until 1895. He then engaged in the business of selling Chicago real estate and farm lands in Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin and in the Southern states. His office is at 163 Randolph st.

Being active in politics, Mr. Peterson has been a delegate to state and county conventions. He resides at 1641 W. Ravenswood Pk., Chicago.

Mr. Peterson affiliates with the Methodists and has served as



JOHN A. PETERSON

trustee and secretary of that board in his local church.

KARL F. OHLSON,

for several years pastor of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church on the north side, was born May 3, 1858, in Misterhult parish, Småland, Sweden.

He was three years old when his father met his death by accident, leaving the wife and mother in destitution, with seven children to care for, ranging in age from 18 years to six months. The subject of the present sketch began his schooling at five. After a brief attendance in public school he enjoyed free instruction for several years as a companion to a little girl, for whom a private tutoress was engaged. With the promise of support from a number of charitably disposed persons, the boy was later sent to a state institution in Linköping.



KARL F. OHLSON

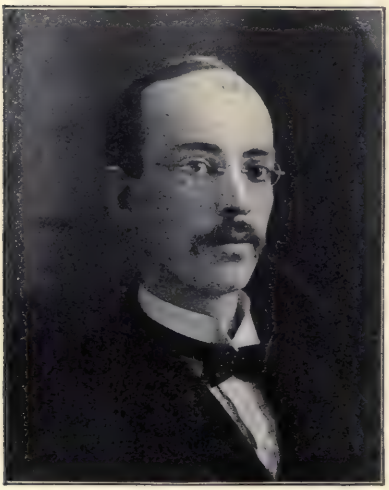
After his conversion at the age of eighteen, Ohlson had an earnest desire to become a missionary to the heathen in Africa, and on the advice of a pastor entered the mission school conducted by the Mission Covenant of Sweden. At the completion of his course, his health was so broken down, that his plan to enter the foreign mission field had to be abandoned. Those who had agreed to provide his support while a student seem to have relied upon one another, and as a result the poor young man was left without sufficient food and clothing for months at a time.

Leaving the institution he began preaching in the little city of Sala, then took up similar work in Hedemora, where he also obtained a position as instructor in a girls' seminary. While here Ohlson obtained from the rector of Hedemora permission to preach in every schoolhouse in the parish. Finally tiring of the strife stirred up over the subjects of baptism, communion and atonement, in which Ohlson took the Waldenströmian view, he gladly accepted a call to assume charge of the Swedish Congregational Church in Worcester, Mass. He came over in October, 1888, and labored in various Eastern fields, viz., Worcester, Campello and Brooklyn, up to May, 1900. Then he came to Chicago in response to a call from the North Side Mission Church. This, the mother church of the Mission Friends in America, he served until October, 1903, when he returned East to become pastor of the Bethesda Church in New York, the oldest Mission church in that part of the United States.

Rev. Ohlson having alternated between Congregational and Covenant churches, it is proper to state that he is a liberalist in denominational matters, a non-partisan as regards the various groups of Mission Friends, and stands for the non-denominational form of evangelism.

ERNST HOLMGREN

was born May 29, 1872, in Kropp parish, Skåne, Sweden, where he



ERNST HOLMGREN

was reared. After having finished his schooling in the university town of Lund, he learned his trade, that of a bookbinder. He emigrated to America at the age of nineteen and settled in Chicago. In October, 1898, he formed a copartnership with Charles Engdahl in a bookbindery, located at 305 Orleans st. Two years later they moved their bindery to 254–256 Orleans st. By 1907 the expansion of their business forced them to find more commodious quarters, and they moved to their present location at 14–28 Michigan st. Simultaneously the business was incorporated as the Holmgren, Engdahl & Johnson Co., with Mr. Holmgren as president.

The firm executes edition binding, and does stamping and embossing for the trade.

Feb. 22, 1896, Mr. Holmgren was married to Charlotta Swanson. They reside at 5933 Iowa st., Austin, and are members of the local Swedish Ev. Mission Church.

CARL K. WESTMAN

was born Sept. 9, 1868, in Skaraborgs län, Sweden. In his native land he passed through six classes at the elementary school in Skara and spent two years at the Carlsborg military academy. He left for America in 1890 and took up his residence in Chicago. Here his studies were continued at the Hahneman and Bennett medical colleges, graduating from the latter with the degree of M. D. in 1898. In 1903, after two years more of study in Sweden, Dr. Westman passed examination in the Royal Gymnastic Central Institute in Stockholm, receiving his diploma as director of medical gymnastics.

Returning to Chicago, Dr. Westman engaged in the practice of medical gymnastics and massage. In 1905 he opened a medical gymnasium and free clinic at the Plaza Hotel, where students are given instruction in massage

and medical gymnastics. The year previous Dr. Westman became instructor in his branches at the



CARL K. WESTMAN

medical school of the University of Illinois, a position he still holds. He is a member of the editorial staff of the *Journal of Physical Therapy*, and belongs to the Chicago Medical Society, the Illinois Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

LEONARD PETERSON

was born in Sweden, Jan. 4, 1861. He was educated in the public schools of his home district and in 1880 came over to the United States. Mr. Peterson is president and treasurer of the firm of Leonard Peterson and Co., 51–55 Institute place. This firm started business in 1891 making laboratory wood work, such as holders, clamps, stands, etc. The goods are used in chemical and physical laboratories of schools and colleges, and in physicians' offices throughout the United States. It is the only manufactory of its kind in the West.

Mr. Peterson belongs to the Ethical Society, the Svea Society and the Odd Fellows.



LEONARD PETERSON

GEORGE E. Q. JOHNSON,

attorney at law, was born July 11, 1874, at Harcourt, Webster county, Iowa. His father was a farmer and was one of the pioneers of the state. The subject of this sketch lived on the farm until he was nineteen years of age, in the meantime attending the public school. In 1894 he entered a normal school at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and graduated therefrom in 1897. During his stay there he won the gold and silver medals successively in oratorical contests. In 1897 he came to Chicago and entered the Chicago College of Law, graduating

in 1900 and being admitted to the bar the same year. During his course at college he was



GEORGE E. Q. JOHNSON

president of the Junior Class. Mr. Johnson has a growing practice; his office is at 120 Randolph st. Since February, 1905, he has been associated with another young attorney in the law firm of Johnson and Molthrop. A Republican in politics, he has taken active part in the 1900 and subsequent campaigns. Mr. Johnson was league orator for the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois at the convention held in Bloomington, Illinois, in March, 1902.

Having been elected first vice-president in 1906 of the Swedish National Association, he became acting president of the association when Mr. F. A. Lindstrand resigned the presidency shortly afterward. In 1907 he was elected president. He also holds the presidency in the board of directors of the Washington Park Hospital and is a regent of the Monitor Council of the Royal Arcanum.

Sept. 8, 1906, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Swanström, a graduate of the Columbia College of Expression in Chicago. Their home is at 11121 Michigan ave.

OLENIUS OLSON

was born Nov. 21, 1859, in Östvallskog, Vermland, Sweden, where he obtained his early schooling. At the age of twenty-one he emigrated to America, making his home in Chicago. Here he fitted himself for practical life by at-



OLENIUS OLSON

tending night school and later the Metropolitan Business College. For the last ten years he has been the proprietor of a flourishing tailoring establishment at 28 Jackson Boulevard. Mr. Olson has spent much time in travel—

in this country as well as in Europe. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

FRIDOLF RISBERG,

one of the foremost pastors and educators in the group of Mission



FRIDOLF RISBERG

churches in this country, is the son of Jonas Risberg, who was a practicing physician at Nysätra, in Vesterbotten, Sweden, until his death in 1886, and his wife, Catarina Wilhelmina, née Hamrén. The son was born at Nysätra, Nov. 4, 1848. His education was obtained at the elementary school and gymnasium in Luleå from 1858 to 1868 and at the Upsala University from 1868 to 1874. The last named year he passed the examination for the holy ministry and was subsequently ordained by Archbishop Sundberg as minister of the Lutheran state church. After having served as pastor for eight years, he resigned his office and withdrew from the state church to join the free church known as the Mission Covenant of Sweden. For the next three years Mr. Risberg labored in behalf of that movement in Jemtland and Ångermanland, the same provinces where he had been stationed as a minister of the established church.

At the time of the organization of the Mission Covenant of America, the need of an institute for the training of pastors and missionaries made itself felt, and when the Chicago Theological Seminary offered to accomodate the Covenant by maintaining a Swedish department for which it might select its own teacher, Risberg was called and accepted that post. He came over from Sweden in 1885 and assumed his new duties when the school year opened in the fall. From that time to this Prof. Risberg has served his church in the important capacity of educator of its ministers, a large number of whom have during the past twenty-one years enjoyed the benefit of his instruction.

Prof. Risberg has been active in pastoral and missionary work in the intervals between the school years. As a traveling missionary he has covered a great deal of ground, both in the old world and the new. While a pastor in Northern Sweden he made numerous missionary journeys to Norway and Finland and since his coming to this country

he has made one similar trip to Canada and traveled in the States from ocean to ocean, visiting twenty-eight states to preach the Gospel.

His missionary zeal also extends to heathen lands. For the past fifteen years he has been a member of the board of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission of Chicago, which at present maintains one hundred missionaries in China, Japan, India, Africa and South America. During the same period he has acted as treasurer of the Mission funds, aggregating $30,000 per year.

Prof. Risberg is a facile writer on religious topics, and his pen, like his other faculties, has been dedicated to the cause of his church. He is the author of a devotional book entitled, "Dagligt Manna," published in 1893, and has written a large number of religious articles for the church press, a collection of which were published in Chicago, in 1906, under the common title of "Bibel-Bilder." He was also associate editor of "Sionsharpan," published in 1890, a hymnal widely used in the Mission churches throughout the country.

Prof. Risberg is affiliated with the Swedish Congregational Church and is president of the local Bethlehem congregation, of which he is the founder.

For many years he has been financially and otherwise interested in *Missions-Vännen*, the newspaper organ of the Covenant, and served as a member of its board of control.

OLOF OLSON
AND
LARS OLSON,

of the firm of Olson Brothers, carpentry contractors, have in a short time established a flourishing business, despite the intense competition prevailing here.



OLOF OLSON

Olof Olson, the elder brother, was born in the village of Säter, Sunne parish, Vermland, Sweden, May 29, 1867, and was reared in the place of his birth, attending high school at Sunne. In 1886 he emigrated, coming directly to Chicago.

He is married to Ida Anderson from Östergötland and they have one son.

Mr. Olson is a Mason of the Kenwood Lodge No. 800, and belongs also to the Iduna Society,

the National Union and the Carpenters' and Builders' Association.

Lars Olson, the younger brother, was born in the same place Jan.



LARS OLSON

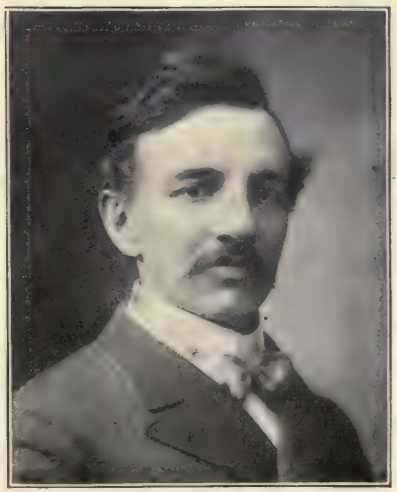
6, 1870, and attended the same school. He came to America and to Chicago in 1891. Like his brother he went to work as a carpenter, and in 1899, after both brothers had mastered the trade, they established themselves as contractors on their own account. After a couple of successful deals they were enabled to do business on a large scale. In the last few years they have put up a number of buildings, including the Masonic Building at Grand Crossing, the Swedish Episcopal Church at Garfield boul. and Morgan st., and dozens of apartment building in size from six to twenty-four apartments. They have at times had as many as 12 to 15 buildings in course of construction at one and the same time. The Olson brothers are young men of exceptional capabilities and rank well to the front among the numerous builders' firms of the city.

Their office is at 6501 S. Peoria street.

CLAES A. YOUNGQUIST

was born at Ljungarum, Småland, Jan. 11, 1859. In Sweden he obtained his education in the common school and the public high school in Jönköping. He left for America and landed in June, 1875, with Chicago as his destination. A course of studies was taken in a business school, after which he was engaged in commercial life.

For some years Mr. Youngquist was connected with the dry goods



CLAES AUGUST YOUNGQUIST

firm of John M. Lundell and Co. He is now conducting a life and fire insurance agency, and at

present serves as treasurer of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America. Mr. Youngquist is treasurer and Sunday school superintendent of the Swedish Mission Church at North Park, which is in the outskirts of Chicago.

JOHAN A. H. ROSENDAHL,

minister of the Swedish Baptist Church, was born April 3, 1871,



JOHAN AUGUST HJALMAR ROSENDAHL

in Bredvik parish, Vestergötland, Sweden. He graduated from the public school at the age of twelve. For six years subsequently he worked as florist and gardener in Skönnarbo, Östergötland, and at Rosta, Nerike. He secured employment in the Skyllbergs Bruk rolling mill in Nerike and worked there until 1891. Enlisting in the Swedish army, he served two years in the Royal Göta Artillery regiment and was mustered out as first corporal. After coming to this country in December, 1893, he secured work in a shoe factory in Nashua, N. H. In 1895 he moved to Concord, N. H., where he obtained employment with the Boston and Maine R. R. In 1897 he entered the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated from this institution May 15, 1901. He was ordained Aug. 10 following, and was pastor of the Third Swedish Baptist Church of Chicago until 1903. He then was appointed missionary for Kansas, with headquarters at Clay Centre, Kansas.

The Rev. Mr. Rosendahl was married to Christina Swedmark on April 19, 1902.

EDWIN SANDBLOM

was born at Tidaholm, in the province of Vestergötland, Sweden, Nov. 10, 1854. He was an ironworker by trade in the old country. Coming to Chicago in 1887, he was variously employed up to 1894, when he engaged in the manufacture of printers' supplies, in which line he has been amply successful, acquiring an excellent trade and a most creditable reputation because of the superiority of his work. E. Sandblom and Co. manufacture at 149 S. Jefferson st. wrought iron and steel chases of all styles and sizes for printers' use. The goods are sold to dealers in printers' supplies, and the trade of the house reaches all parts of the United States and Canada.

In 1884 Mr. Sandblom was married to Miss Josephine Carlson, with whom he has had two sons and three daughters.

EMIL A. W. JOHNSON

was born Oct. 30, 1863, in Chicago. His mother, Emma C.



EMIL A. W. JOHNSON

Johnson, emigrated from Sweden in 1852. His father, John A. Johnson, who came to this country in 1854, was a Union soldier in the Civil War.

Emil received his education at the Franklin School in Chicago and Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. For 19 years he was employed as an accountant by Marshall Field & Co. After having taken a full course at Chicago College of Law he was, in 1899, appointed a Justice of the Peace for the town of Lake View by Gov. Tanner. Mr. Johnson was reappointed by Governors Yates and Deneen and retained his office until it was displaced by the Municipal Court. At present he is a deputy clerk of this same Municipal Court.

In 1898 he served as president of the Swedish-American Republican Club of the 26th ward. He belongs to the following fraternal orders: A. F. and A. M., R. A. M., Knights of Pythias, Royal League and Columbian Knights.

June 14, 1888, Mr. Johnson was married to Bena S. Christopher. They have two sons and a daughter. The family lives at 229 Potwyn place, Ravenswood.

CARL A. CARLSON

was born in Östra Torp parish, Skåne, Sweden, Jan. 21, 1877. After attending the public school, he worked at home with his father, Christoffer Carlson, who was a farmer and merchant.



CARL A. CARLSON

In May 1892, Mr. Carlson came to the United States. We soon

find him in Chicago, working at the tailor's trade. In 1894, after but two years experience, Mr. Carlson started in business as manufacturing tailor. His business has acquired such dimensions that he now employs more than fifty workers. Mr. Carlson lives at 740 Bryn Mawr ave. and is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

RICHARD TENNERSTEDT

was born Feb. 7, 1861, in Ingatorp, Sweden. He emigrated to



RICHARD TENNERSTEDT

America in 1868, attended the public schools for several years and then engaged in business as manufacturing tailor. He is president of the Tennerstedt Manufacturing Co., vest manufacturers at 804–806 N. Winchester ave.

Mr. Tennerstedt is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church and of the Svithiod Singing Club and resides at 2337 N. Paulina st.

He is not an active politician and takes little interest in partisan struggles, but is regarded a wide-awake citizen.

LOUIS OLSON

was born in Skåne, Sweden, Nov. 1, 1876. His parents are Knut



LOUIS OLSON

M. Olson and his wife, Karna Nelson, who came to this country in 1888. The son Louis attended the Harrison school in Chicago, where the family located, afterwards going to work for various firms. For one year he worked as machinist for the McCormick Harvester Co., then for nine years as salesman.

In 1900 he started in the livery and undertaking business with his father, as junior partner of the firm known as K. M. Olson & Son. As funeral directors and embalmers they are maintaining

two places of business, at 3025 Wentworth ave. and at 1128 S. Oakley ave. Mr. Olson, Jr., is in charge of the Wentworth ave. office.

Mr. Olson is a member of the Salem Swedish Lutheran Church. He is a very active club and fraternity man, holding membership in a large number of organizations, including the following: Lakeside Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; Linné Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Rising Sun Lodge, K. of P.; Frithiof Lodge, I. O. S.; Empire Tent, Maccabees; Columbia Chapter, O. E. S.; Angantyr Lodge, I. O. V.; Wentworth Camp, M. W. A.; Armour Council, N. U.; Society Balder, Society Nordstjernan, Society Iduna, Chicago Svenska Vasa-Förening, Föreningen Enighet, the Webster Improvement Club, the Webster Debating Club, the Chicago South Side Liverymen's Association and the Chicago Undertakers' Association.

Jan. 22, 1905, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Helen Johnson of Chicago.

JOHN PETERSON

was born in Åsheda parish, Småland, Sweden, Dec. 4, 1860, and is a Chicagoan since 1880.

Here he began work in the mason's trade, and during the last twenty years he has done an extensive contracting business in the city of Chicago, and has erected a number of large buildings in that city, as well as in other cities. His office is at 153 La Salle st.

Mr. Peterson was married in 1884, to Miss Christina Maria Carlson, and they reside at 2835



JOHN PETERSON

Southport ave., Rogers Park. Mrs. Peterson is a member of the Ebenezer Swedish Lutheran Church in Summerdale. Mr. Peterson belongs to the order of Svithiod, the Odd Fellows, and the Royal Arcanum.

Politically Mr. Peterson is an independent Republican.

HERMAN CARLSON

was born Dec. 7, 1862, in Rumskulla parish, Östergötland, Sweden. In 1887 he came over and located in Chicago. Two years later he started in the business of manufacturing vests for merchant tailors. His establishment at present employs about 50 men and is located at 188 Lake st.

Mr. Carlson belongs to the Salem Church, in Cuyler. He is

an active member of Independent Order of Vikings and was successively vice-grand chief, treasurer and grand chief.



HERMAN CARLSON

Mr. Carlson was married in 1896 to Amanda Tennerstedt, a native Chicagoan, now deceased. He had with her a daughter, Florence Victoria. Mr. Carlson was remarried in 1903, to Miss Gerda Stein, born in Alsheda parish, Småland, Sweden. The family lives at 528 Larchmont ave.

ADOLF HULT,

minister of the Lutheran Church, was born Dec. 24, 1869, at Moline, Ill. His father was Olof Hult, a blacksmith, one of the early members of the Swedish colony at that place. The son was graduated from Augustana College with the class of '92 and then entered Augustana Theological Seminary. Upon the completion of his course the degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred upon him and he was ordained June 11, 1899, at the synodical meeting at St. Paul, Minn. Rev. Hult immediately assumed the pastorate of the Messiah English Lutheran Church in Lake View, which he had for a year served while a student. During his incumbency the membership of the church increased from 226 to over 450, making it the third largest English Lutheran congregation in Chicago. Mr. Hult pursued postgraduate studies in Hebrew and Assyriology at the University of Chicago and was for one year instructor in Hebrew at the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary.



ADOLF HULT

He is a profound student of practical theology and of the Old Testament and has contributed numerous articles to the Lutheran press. Rev. Hult was in 1905 chief editor of *Väktaren*, a relig-

ious paper, published in Chicago in 1904 and 1905, and is now associate editor of *The Young Lutheran's Companion*, a semi-monthly, published at Rock Island.

In May, 1907, Rev. Hult left the pastorate of Messiah Church, pursuant to a call from the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church of Omaha, Nebraska.

June 28, 1899, he was married to Miss Edna Blomgren, daughter of Oscar N. and Emma Blomgren, early Swedish settlers in Chicago. In the union there are three children, Miriam Edna, born April 4, 1900, Adolf Nathanael, born Jan. 16, 1904, and Evangeline Christina, born April 6, 1907.

AXEL RUDOLPH ENGBERG, son of John J., was born in Chicago Oct. 19, 1869. After finishing school, he was in the floral business for several years. Finding that he had an exceptionally fine voice, he began the study of music. In January, 1899, he married Mrs. Annie Nellis Carter. Going to Europe the same year, he traveled extensively. He studied with some of the best masters, both in Paris and in London. Returning to America, he had the advantages of the best teachers in New York and Chicago. In 1904 he went again, for study, in Europe.



AXEL RUDOLPH ENGBERG

Returning in November, 1906, he has made Chicago his home. His professional name is Rudolph Engberg.

MATTIS C. RANSEEN, pastor of the Gethsemane Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago for the past twenty-eight years, is a prominent figure in the Augustana Synod and in the Lutheran Church of America.



MATTIS C. RANSEEN

He was born in Ljungryda,

Jemshög, Blekinge, April 6, 1845. His parents, both of whom died in Sweden, were Carl M. Ranseen, a farmer, and his wife, Karin Jönsson. The son entered the academic school at Jemshög without any preliminary schooling, and after completing the course in two years, aided by a thorough home training, he obtained a position as teacher in the parish school. After two years of public teaching and one of private tutorship he left for the United States in 1867, coming first to Rockford, Ill., and then going to Centralia, Wis., where he was employed in a sawmill. After a few months of manual labor, he entered the Augustana Theological Seminary at Paxton in the fall of the same year. In four years he completed the course of study then afforded by the Augustana Synod at its meeting in Chisago Lake, Minn., in 1871, holding a call to become pastor of the church at Dayton, Ia. After two years of service in that field Rev. Ranseen accepted a call from the mission board of the Iowa Conference to take up work at Keokuk, Ia. Here he labored for half a year, meanwhile organizing two congregations, one at Keokuk, and another at Sugar Creek. Late in the year 1873 he became pastor at Elgin, Ill., and labored simultaneously in the mission field until 1875, when a call to Ottumwa, Ia., was accepted. Rev. Ranseen served the Swedish Lutheran congregation at that place for four years, or until 1879, when he removed to Chicago on a call from the Gethsemane Church. He assumed this charge in May of that year and for more than a quarter of a century has filled that same pulpit.

In consideration of a long and distinguished service as a churchman, the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary has conferred upon Rev. Ranseen the honorary degree of D. D.

Dr. Ranseen has filled a number of offices of trust and responsibility in the Lutheran Church. For two years he was president of the Iowa Conference, and he has been elected to the same position in the Illinois Conference repeated times. He was one of the men who organized the Augustana Hospital of Chicago in 1882 and has served on its board of directors from that time to this, with the exception of a single term of three years, and has been president of the board nearly the whole of that time. He has been elected on the board of regents of Augustana College time and again, and has often been chosen chairman of that board. For almost a decade he was vice-president of the Augustana Synod, and for a term of four years, 1898–1902, he served as president of the General Council, a larger body of Lutherans, of which the Augustana Synod is a component part.

Next to his own congregation, the Augustana Hospital probably owes the greatest debt of gratitude to Dr. Ranseen for untiring serv-

ices and personal sacrifice of time and labor in its interest.

Dr. Ranseen is without doubt one of the most widely known clergymen in the city of Chicago. Most of the public men of the community in the last twenty-five years he has counted as personal acquaintances, and his intimacy with local affairs has caused him to participate in civic movements from time to time, especially in the work carried on for a number of years by the Civic Federation.

Oct. 3, 1872, the marriage of Rev. Mr. Ranseen and Miss Anna Sophia Anderson took place at Elgin. Mrs. Ranseen was born in Sweden Oct. 30, 1851. They have reared a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, viz.: Arnold Emanuel, born 1874; Gertrude Laurentia, '76; Anna Cora, '77; Carl Matthias, '79; Ernest Ephraim, '80; Ruth Aurora, '82; Esther Theodora, '84; Blenda Naemi, '86; Mauritz Nathanael, '87; Clarence Peter, '92. The son Arnold is married to Miss Agnes Wahl, the daughter Cora to Dr. Henry George Johnson of Lindsborg, Kans., and the daughter Ruth to Mr. August Lundquist of Chicago.

FRED ANDERSON

was born Dec. 21, 1860, in Visnums parish, Vermland, Sweden. He arrived in this country at twenty, having obtained a common school education in his native country. He now attended a night school in Chicago in preparing to enter business life. A position as shipping clerk with Belford, Clarke, and Co. was soon secured. With this firm he remained for seven years. In 1887 he engaged in insurance as solicitor for the Metropolitan Insurance Co. and advanced to the position



FRED ANDERSON

of assistant superintendent. The possibilities iu the land business next attracted him, and he built a hotel at the Svea Land Colony, located at Silverhill, Alabama, in which he was financially interested. Mr. Anderson later visited California in the interest of the Swedish land colony near Redlands. He then became interested in irrigation and went to Texas and experimented with rice culture, demonstrating that it is suitable for the farmer of limited capital, who can sink a well, pump his necessary supply of water with a steam or gasoline engine and take care of 160 acres, employing help only at harvest time. Subsequently Mr.

Anderson went to Idaho and experimented with irrigation by means of ditches, or canals. After a few years spent in colonization work, Mr. Anderson again settled down in Chicago and is now conducting a real estate, loan, fire insurance, renting and collecting business in partnership with Herman W. Hanson at 1889 N. Clark st.

NILS WILHELM ANTHONY

was born in the city of Kristianstad, Sweden, Nov. 22, 1872. Having finished his schooling in his home city he began work as an apprentice in a printing shop. He worked at the case there and in other cities in Sweden until 1889, when he emigrated, coming direct to Chicago.



NILS WILHELM ANTHONY

In this country Mr. Anthony has followed his old trade, working as a compositor in various job printing offices. For a number of years he has held the position of foreman in the well-known job office of S. Th. Almberg. Mr. Anthony stands high in the printing trade and has frequently received honorable mention in leading typographical journals for expertness as a job compositor. He is secretary of the Swedish Typographical Union No. 247, I. T. U.

He possesses a baritone voice of fine timbre and is recognized in musical circles as a concert and church soloist of ability. He is often heard at musical entertainments and was for several years soloist of the American Methodist Church of Kenosha, Wis. For many years past he has belonged to the Lyran and the Svithiod Singing clubs and is now a member of the Swedish Glee Club and the Orion Sextette.

Dec. 25, 1900, Mr. Anthony was joined in marriage to Miss Jennie Akerson of Ong, Neb. The fruit of their union is a son, Stellan Wilhelm Olcott, born Nov. 28, 1901.

JOHN SIGURD MECK

is the son of Mauritz H. Meck, a watchmaker in Stockholm. He was born Sept. 6, 1876, in that city. At the age of five he was brought to the United States by his parents, who emigrated in 1881, locating in Chicago.

Young Meck at an early age took up the study of music, possessing natural talent along that line. He was a pupil, successively, of Barbara Grau, Prof. Hyllested and the Chicago Musical College. At that institution he studied har-

mony, counterpoint and composition under Adolf Weidig and orchestration under Adolf Rosenbecker. Thus equipped, Mr. Meck for the past four years has held the position of arranger for the Chicago office of the music publishing house of J. H. Remick & Co., a firm maintaining branches also in Detroit, New York and London.



JOHN SIGURD MECK

Mr. Meck is a member of the Svithiod Singing Club and is ever ready to assist, as piano accompanist or orchestral conductor, at the musical entertainments given at frequent intervals by the club. His name is also on the roster of the Lincoln Park Club, the Swedish Glee Club and the St. Cecilia Lodge of Free Masonry, in which Mr. Meck has attained the 32d degree, as well as being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

A number of compositions have come from his pen, among others being: "Barcarolle in F;" "A Southern Fantasy;" "Beauty-Sleep," a Serenade; "On the Mediterranean," a waltz; "My Heart is a Kingdom" and "A Cigarette Ballad," songs, and a number of marches, waltzes, etc.

ANDREW HANSON,

contractor and builder, was born in Tyde parish, Skåne, Sweden, April 18, 1855. After learning the carpenter's trade he emigrated to America in 1878, reaching Chicago the same year. He was first employed by Bohman & Larson, organ manufacturers. The Carsley & East Manufacturing Co. then employed him for six years. Mr. Hanson started in business for himself in 1894, as a carpenter and builder, and has since made a specialty of erecting private residences in the northern suburbs.

Mr. Hanson was married in 1889 to Miss Mary Nelson. Their children are: Alice, born 1890; Mabel, 1891; Ellen, 1894; Jennings, 1896, and George, 1899.

Mr. Hanson is a member of the I. O. S.

P. WILLIAM THORELIUS,

doctor of dental surgery, was born April 15, 1866, in Södra Finnskoga parish, Vermland, Sweden, where his father, Fredrik Thorelius, was a curate. Three years later, the family removed to Grava parish, where Thorelius Sr. was rector until his death in 1904. The son attended school in Karlstad from 1876 until 1883, and went to Chicago in 1886. Entering the Chicago College of

Dental Surgery in 1889, he was graduated from that institution March 24, 1891. Dr. Thorelius



PETER WILLIAM THORELIUS

opened an office a few months later at 111 E. Chicago ave. His dental office is now at 237 North Clark st., cor. Chicago ave.

Dec. 1, 1905, he bought the old Hesselroth Pharmacy at 107 E. Chicago ave. and incorporated the business as the Hesselroth-Thorelius Drug Co., with Hilmer Hesselroth as president and Dr. Thorelius as secretary. The latter is a nephew of Hilmer Hesselroth and of the late Lawrence Hesselroth, his brother.

On Sept. 12, 1891, Dr. Thorelius was united in marriage to Ida Anderson of Elkhart, Ind. Their children with dates of birth are: Hilmer Fredrik Lawrence, Aug. 4, 1892; Carl Gustaf Paulus, Oct. 22, 1894; Alice Marie, Oct. 2, 1896; Ida Wilhelmina, Aug. 22, 1898; John William, Nov. 30, 1900; Bernice Elizabeth, June 10, 1903; Florence Helena, May 14, 1905.

Dr. Thorelius is a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, the Odontographic Dental Society and is vice-president of the Scandinavian Dental Society of Chicago. The family are members of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church.

NILS HENNINGS

was born April 1, 1855, at Sköfde, Vestergötland, Sweden. For a number of years he was engaged in the lumber business in Stockholm. In 1893 he went to the World's Columbian Exposition in



NILS HENNINGS

Chicago as representative of several manufacturers in Sweden. Subsequently he was cashier for the St. Louis & Belleville R. R. Co. until 1901. Mr. Hennings then started the Swedish Business Men's Club, on Washington st. A number of Swedish gentlemen

belonged to the club and took their noonday meals there. The food was prepared in genuine Swedish fashion.

In 1905 this club disbanded, and Mr. Hennings shortly after removed to St. Paul to become manager of a Swedish club in that city.

Mr. Hennings, who was married to Miss Bertha Petersen in 1881, is the father of three sons. His wife died in 1901.

BIRGER F. LUNDBERG

was born in Kalmar, Sweden, July 7, 1872. At the age of sixteen



BIRGER F. LUNDBERG

he set out to make his own way in the world. Coming to this country, he ultimately landed in Minnesota, where he was engaged in various employments in city and country. Securing a position in A. E. Johnson & Co.'s ticket and land office in St. Paul he, by his his ability and energy, soon attracted the attention of his superiors, and his promotion was rapid. For a while he was employed in the office of the same company at Spokane, Wash., but after a short time he was recalled to St. Paul to take charge of the ticket department there. In 1894 he went to Chicago, and having held positions with the White Star Line and the Dominion Line, became the Chicago manager for A. Mortensen & Co., general agents of the Scandinavian-American Line. When in 1905 A. E. Johnson & Co. became the successors to this firm, Mr. Lundberg was recognized as an invaluable man to the office and was retained as manager.

GUSTAV THUNANDER

was born Nov. 30, 1869, in Jönköping, Sweden. After finishing



GUSTAV THUNANDER

the course offered in the public schools, he studied at the Technical school in Jönköping. Emi-

grating to the United States in 1891, he remained for some time in New Orleans. Coming from there to Chicago, he worked for different decorating firms. In 1898 he started in business, with Chas. Nyden, as interior decorator. The firm employs 30 to 40 men, and is well-known to the building trade. Their shop is at 76–84 E. 43d st.

Mr. Thunander belongs to the Royal League.

CHARLES JOHN WILSON,

professor of Latin and Natural Science at North Park College,



CHARLES JOHN WILSON

was born Dec. 4, 1870, at New Boston, Ill. His parents, John Johnson, a farmer, and Jean Johnson lived in the same place until their death in 1880.

After attending the public school in Andover, the son passed a year in the Academy at Augustana College and was graduated in 1894 from Bethany College with the degree A. B. During his last two years at this institution he acted as assistant in English. The summer term in 1896 was occupied in the study of chemistry and physiology in Stetson University, De Land, Florida. In the fall he began his present career as professor of Latin and Natural Science at North Park College. He has since pursued post-graduate studies in Latin at the University of Chicago.

Professor Wilson is a member of the Swedish Ev. Mission Church of North Park and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He is president of the Bethany Alumni Association in Chicago.

Prof. Wilson was on June 7, 1899, married to Jennie C. Modine of Chicago, born on Sept. 15, 1872. Mrs. Wilson's parents are John A. and Amanda Modine.

The Wilsons have a son, Stanley Raymond, born June 22, 1900 and a daughter, Bernice Marjorie, born June 7, 1904.

L. W. A. BJÖRKMAN

was born in Lindesberg, Vestmanland, Sweden, March 28, 1853. He emigrated to the United States in 1879 and ten years later entered the ministry. Mr. Björkman was ordained by an ecclesiastical council in Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26, 1890.

For nine years he was pastor of the Swedish Zion Congregational Church in Hartford, Conn. Oct. 1, 1898, Rev. Björkman became pastor of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Church in Ravens-

wood, Chicago, where he remained until 1907.



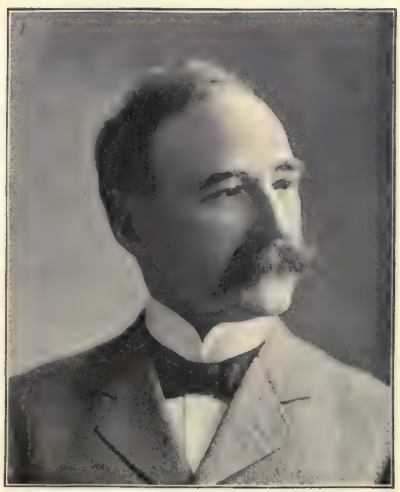
L. W. A. BJÖRKMAN

He is now stationed at Burlington and West Burlington, Ia.

MAGNUS OLSON

was born Jan. 18, 1843, in Uråsa parish, Småland, Sweden. He learned the stone cutting trade, but forsook it when he emigrated to America in 1867. The winter was spent in a logging camp, and then he went to Minneapolis, where he lived for four years. It was just after the great Chicago fire of 1871 that Mr. Olson was attracted to Chicago and took part in the rebuilding operations. After a few years he established a gentlemen's furnishing store, which was continued until a partner sold it while Mr. Olson was on a European trip in 1886. On his return he engaged in the shirt-manufacturing and the laundry business on N. Clark st., later moving his establishment to 576 Wells st., where it is still conducted by his partner, Henry P. Runkel.

Magnus Olson was one of the organizers of Freja, the first large Swedish singing society in Chicago. This later became the Swedish Singing Society and in 1889 united with the Swedish Club, a social organization, and was incorporated as the Swedish Glee Club. Mr. Olson became president of the club and was a second tenor in its splendid chorus. He became the first president of the American Union of Swedish Singers in 1892 and contributed much to the success of the festival at the Colum-



MAGNUS OLSON

bian Exposition in 1893 as well as the Swedish tournée in 1897.

It was on the terrace of the new Royal Opera House in Stockholm that a public address was accorded Magnus Olson, recognizing his noble qualities and the part

he had taken in the organization of the Swedish male choruses of America.

Mr. Olson retired from active singing in the Swedish Glee Club in 1900 and was elected an honorary member. He died Oct. 4, 1905, and was buried in Graceland.

OLOF JOHNSON,

pastor of the Second Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of



OLOF JOHNSON

Chicago, is the son of John Nelson, a contractor, and his wife, Maria Johnson, who are both living and celebrated their golden wedding in 1905. Their son Olof was born Oct. 11, 1861, at Hällaryd, in the province of Blekinge, near the city of Karlshamn, Sweden. The son obtained his preliminary education in the school of his home parish. Having emigrated in 1861 to Chicago, he was variously employed until he entered the Swedish Methodist Theological Seminary at Evanston, graduating from that institution in 1889. Entering the ministry, he has had the following pastoral charges in succession: Englewood, two years; Des Moines, Ia.; Victoria, Ill., at the head of the pioneer Swedish church of the denomination, four years; Galesburg, five years; Geneva, four years; and lastly the Second Swedish M. E. Church of Chicago, his present charge.

The pastor is deeply interested in the temperance cause, having often spoken on the subject before different organizations and societies.

In 1888 he made a trip back to the old country, visiting his parents in the old homestead and traveling extensively throughout the country, visiting historic spots and other poinls of interest.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson has been twice married, first to Miss Selma Hultman, Feb. 3, 1892, at Des Moines, Iowa; having lost her by death in 1902, at Geneva, he was married Oct. 4, 1904, to Miss Ina Sandborg, a daughter of Edward and Mary Sandborg of Galesburg, Ill., born Jan. 15, 1867. There are two children, the issue of the first marriage, viz. Frances Linnea, born in Victoria, Ill., Feb., 16, 1893, and Lawrence Emanuel, born in Galesburg, March 26, 1896.

The present home of the pastor and his family is at 214 N. May street.

WILLIAM K. JOHNSON

was born June 5, 1861, in Sölvesborg, Blekinge, Sweden. His



WILLIAM K. JOHNSON

parents were Jöns and Pernilla Mortenson. William went to school in his native place until 1872 when he, together with his mother, brother and sister embarked intent on rejoining the father and three brothers who had emigrated in 1869 and gone to Chicago. The father, a carpenter, assumed the name Johnson, for there were few Johnsons in Chicago in those days. William attended Swedish and German parochial schools and the public schools until he was fifteen when he started in the book binding trade. After a few years Mr. Johnson had mastered the art of cover stamping so well that from 1880 to 1894 he was in charge of the stamping department at Donahue and Henneberry. For the next ten years he was foreman of the same branch at Rand McNally and Company.

In 1904 Mr. Johnson became a stamper to the trade with quarters on Custom House place. June 1, 1907, he became vice-president of the Holmgren, Engdahl and Johnson Co. The firm is located at 14–28 Michigan st. and does general bookbinding, stamping and embossing for the trade.

Mr. Johnson was married Aug. 2, 1884, to Anna Carolina, daughter of Peter and Barbara Doerr of Kensington. A daughter, Helen Gladys was born in 1899. The family is enrolled in the Lutheran Church. Mr. Johnson is a member of Press Council of the National Union.

NILS ERIC NILSON

was born in Neder-Kalix parish, Norrbotten, Sweden, Oct. 28,



NILS ERIC NILSON

1864. He emigrated to America in 1879, and worked at different

kinds of labor, such as farming, contracting and foundry work. In December, 1898, he became a fish dealer at 1254 Belmont ave. and the store was known as the Belmont Avenue Fish and Oyster Market. He now has a hotel at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Mr. Nilson is married since 1885, his wife's maiden name being Anna Carolina Sundberg.

L. G. ABRAHAMSON,

pastor of the Salem Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago, is



LAURENTIUS G. ABRAHAMSON

one of the eminent Swedish churchmen of the United States. In every phase of activity in the Augustana Synod he has been a factor during the past quarter century, demonstrating executive ability of a high order.

Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, was born at Medåker, not far from the city of Arboga, Sweden, Mar. 2, 1856. He was reared on a farm owned by his father, Anders G. Abrahamson. Being a man of literary tastes, he provided his household with an assortment of good books which early inspired the son with a desire for study. In the late fall of 1868, the family emigrated to the United States, locating in Jamestown, N. Y., where the elder Abrahamson passed away in 1890.

At fifteen the son commenced to earn his own living. In 1872 he entered Augustana College and Theological Seminary and attended that institution at Paxton and Rock Island until 1880, when he was ordained minister of the Augustana Synod, at once assuming charge of the congregation at Altona, Ill. Having labored there for six years, he accepted a call from the Salem Church in Chicago of which he has been pastor up to the present time.

Dr. Abrahamson early displayed exceptional power both in the pulpit and in the field of practical church work, and his energy was soon enlisted in the service of the church in a more general way. He has served the synod and the Illinois conference, generally for long periods, in many executive capacities, among others, as member of the executive committee of the conference, the mission board of the synod, the synodical council, the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, the foreign mission board of the General Council of American Lutherans, as president and treasurer of the confer-

ence for various terms and as treasurer of the synodical mission board. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Augustana Hospital for twenty one consecutive years. The church has few more zealous friends and promoters of missionary work than he, as shown by him partly in active work in the mission field in Utah, and later for eleven years in conducting the department of missions in *Augustana*, the officia paper of the synod.

Feeling the insufficiency of the courses afforded by Augustana in the '70s, Dr. Abrahamson several years ago pursued a full course as a non-resident student, earning from his alma mater the college diploma and the degree of A. B. Much of the time not taken up by ministerial duties he has spent in his library, constantly augmenting his fund of booklore.

The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred on him by Bethany College and that of D. D. by Augustana College and Theological Seminary. By King Oscar II. of Sweden, Dr. Abrahamson has been created a Knight of the Order of the North Star, designated by the title of R. N. O.

His taste for travel Dr. Abrahamson has indulged to a great extent. He has visited all parts of our own country, made three tours of Sweden and an extended tour of Europe, preferably visiting the scenes connected with the life of Luther and the story of the Reformation, and other points of historic interest.

At secular as well as religious festivals Dr. Abrahamson often appears as a speaker. As a writer he is known principally through his contributions to the church press, but articles from his pen have appeared also in *Prärieblomman*, a Swedish literary annual, and other publications. In collaboration with the late Dr. Carl Swensson he edited and published "Jubel-Album," a large illustrated volume recounting the history and progress of the Augustana Synod.

On Aug. 24, 1881, Dr. Abrahamson was married to Miss Florinda M. Morris, a daughter of Anders P. and Johanna Morris of Chandler's Valley, Pa., where she was born Aug. 6, 1863. They have a family of four daughters, Florinda Olivia, born Feb. 16, 1885; Ebba Valeria, June 15, 1889; Agnes Winnefried, Nov. 11, 1891; and Mildred Genevieve, Sept. 19, 1899. Two sons died in infancy. Mrs. Abrahamson is an estimable and accomplished lady who shares her husband's taste for travel and heartily joins him in making their home one of the most hospitable in the city. The parsonage is at 2823 Princeton avenue.

PETER MAGNUS ALFVIN,

pastor of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church since the fall of 1889, is a native of Alfvesta, Småland, Sweden, having been born there June 16, 1863. He emigrated in 1882, settling at Stillwater, Minn., and joined the

Swedish M. E. church in that city the same year. After working as salesman in a grocery in



PETER MAGNUS ALFVIN

St. Paul, for some time, he began to study for the ministry at the Methodist theological seminary at Evanston, being graduated in 1889 and ordained deacon by Bishop S. M. Merrill of Rockford Sept. 1, the same year. Sept. 17, 1893, he was ordained elder by Bishop William X. Hinde, in Galesburg, Ill. After his ordination in 1889 Rev. Alfvin has served the following congregations: Arlington Hill, St. Paul, Minn., 4 years; Duluth, Minn., 1 year; Humboldt Park, Chicago, 5 years; South Chicago, 3 years, Rockford, 5 years. Rev. Mr. Alfvin is since 1907 stationed at the Madison Av. Swedish M. E. Church in Hyde Park.

JAKOB BONGGREN

has held an editorial position with the Swedish weekly *Svenska Amerikanaren* for twenty-five years, and during that time has established his reputation as a poet, critic and scholar.

Olof Jakob Bonggren was born at Bergane, Håbol parish, in the Swedish province of Dal, Oct. 7, 1852. His father was an old soldier in modest circumstances. At ten, having shown more than ordinary aptitude for study, he was sent to the elementary school at Venersborg, friends providing the funds. After graduation he taught privately until 1875, when



JAKOB BONGGREN

he secured a position as clerk in the post office at Mora, Dalarne.

Mr. Bonggren exhibited literary talent at a very early age. As a boy of seven he wrote some verses on Luther—his first poetic effort—and in 1865 followed poems on Peder Sunnanväder and other

revolutionists of old. Three years later he translated Goethe's "Mignon" into Swedish and in 1871 he became a contributor to a Venersborg paper. In 1878 he published anonymously a translation of Ingersoll's lecture on "Hell and Ghosts;" in 1879, under the pseudonym of Volontaire, a book entitled "Bibeln mot Bibeln," "Läsarelif," by Spectator, and in 1882 a collection of verse, entitled "Förstlingar."

Resigning his position in Mora, in June, 1882, Mr. Bonggren left Sweden, destined for Chicago to take a position as associate editor of *Svenska Amerikanaren*. He has remained with this paper up to the present time, virtually as editor in chief the greater part of the time, and on the 9th of last July the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the paper was celebrated, the publisher and the entire force joining in a dinner given in his honor.

In this country Mr. Bonggren, who has for years been a devoted student of the occult has published a small pamphlet on the subject entitled, "Det hemlighetsfullas verld," besides having written a series of articles on occultism for his paper. He has devoted much of his time to literary research and possesses an exceptional fund of information covering a great variety of subjects. An enormous amount of literary material on every conceivable topic is the result of his activity as a collector and to him no portion or phase of the world's literature is unfamiliar.

In 1902 a second collection of Bonggren's verse was published in Rock Island, entitled "Sånger och Sagor." The author admits that the volume marks a departure from the realistic school of literature in Sweden of which his former collection was one of the first fruits, and owns to a change of mind and heart from the skepticism and radicalism of that school, caused by "greater experience and a deeper conception of life and a larger measure of faith, hope and charity."

His changed convictions in late years have not only affected his Muse but also altered his former habits of life.

Contributions in verse and prose by Bonggren have appeared in a number of publications, including *Kurre*, *Kurre-Kalender* and *Linnea*, also *Prärieblomman*, *Svea*, *Vintersol* and other annuals, published in this country and in Sweden.

Mr. Bonggren bears the title of Doctor of Letters, conferred as an honorary distinction by Bethany College.

Mr. Bonggren has been twice married. The three children of his first marriage are grown. After giving birth to a daughter, his second wife died in 1906.

PETER SCHÖNING

was born Feb. 5, 1869, and hails from Ofvanåker, in Helsingland, whence he emigrated in 1893, and came to Bloomington. His father, Pehr Schöning, was a soldier in

the Swedish army for 33 years and is still living in Ofvanåker. In Bloomington the son established



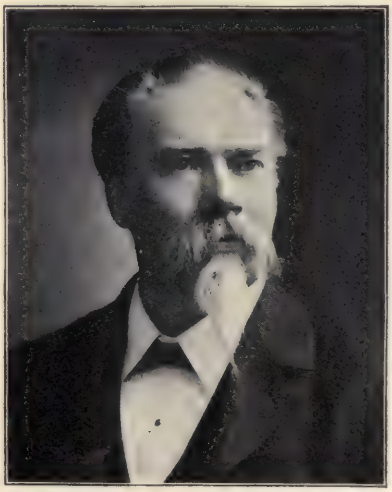
PETER SCHÖNING

himself as a building contractor. He was a member of the local Swedish Mission Church and a deacon of the church. He has recently moved to Chicago and lives in Pullman.

He is united in marriage to Anna Charlotta Classon from Ukna parish, Småland, with whom he has one child, Edith Elizabeth. There are two children from his wife's former marriage, Hjalmar and Florence Nordin.

FRANS A. LINDSTRAND,

editor and publisher of *Svenska Amerikanaren*, a Swedish weekly newspaper, was born at Armby, in the parish of Stora Åby, Östergötland, Sweden, March 24, 1847. His parents were Gustaf Jonsson and his wife, Eva Gustafson. Both died at the old homestead in Sweden, the mother in 1885, at the age of 75, the father in 1896, as the oldest man in the parish, aged 88 years. The son was born and reared in extreme poverty. Shortly after his confirmation he went to the city of Vadstena, determined to learn a trade. There he became apprenticed to a jeweler and watchmaker and four years later received his trade diploma as journeyman watchmaker. While learning the trade, he employed his spare time in studying arithmetic, penmanship and other elementary subjects under private tutorship, in order to supply the deficiencies in his early education, which was limited



FRANS ALBIN LINDSTRAND

to spelling, reading and catechetical instruction. After the manner of journeymen, he now changed his name, substituting that of Lindstrand for Jonsson. For the next five or six years he worked at his trade in the cities of Motala,

Stockholm, Karlstad and Göteborg, also in Copenhagen just prior to his emigration to America in the spring of 1871. While in Göteborg Mr. Lindstrand was on the point of leaving the workbench to attend some institution of learning with a view to entering some learned profession, but he was dissuaded by his employer.

Coming to Chicago, Mr. Lindstrand continued in the jewelry business for seventeen years, a large part of that time as proprietor of a jewelry store on Twenty-second street.

In the year 1888 he became part owner of *Svenska Amerikanaren* and soon after acquired the controlling interest in that paper, which under his management has attained a measure of success enjoyed by only a few Swedish-American journals. To this he has greatly contributed by writing every week editorials, sketches, essays, fables, etc., first under the pen name Onkel Ola, also under the pseudonyms Albin, Albinus, Observator, —nd, etc. About ten years ago he published a small comic paper, changed later into an illustrated literary weekly, entitled *Iduna*. Since several years back, the weekly *Svenska Världen*, a companion newspaper to *Svenska Amerikanaren*, is published from the same office, the two corresponding to a semi-weekly newspaper. The office is at 35 S. Clark st.

Mr. Lindstrand has traveled extensively, visiting the most interesting points in the United States, Cuba and the Antilles, the various countries of Europe, Asia Minor and North Africa, Egypt and Palestine in particular. For his papers he has written a large number of letters of travel, and the principal results of his observations are embodied in a book of travel published in 1898, entitled "I Öster- och Västerland." He is also author of a book, "Pennteckningar af Onkel Ola."

Mr. Lindstrand is a public spirited citizen and a man who has ever had the welfare of his fellow countrymen close at heart. He was the virtual organizer of the original Svithiod Society, a forerunner of the Independent order of Svithiod, and the founding of the Swedish National Association was due chiefly to his efforts. For ten years or over he was president of the latter association and he has been and is still the main backer of that organization in its charitable endeavors. He is a popular fraternity man, being affiliated with the Masons, the Knights Templar, the Mystic Shriners, as also with the Svithiod Singing Club. He is also director in the Union State Bank from the time that bank was organized.

In politics Mr. Lindstrand is an Independent and his newspapers are swerved by the same policy. By appointment of Mayor Harrison he served as a member of the Library Board of Chicago for three years, 1903–05. Aside from that he has held no public office.

On May 4, 1881, Mr. Lindstrand was united in marriage to Selma Wennerberg of Göteborg, born

Aug. 29, 1863. A daughter, Hildur C., was born to them March 12, 1882. The Lindstrand family home is a handsome and comfortable residence, located at 6200 Woodlawn ave., in Hyde Park.

WALTER C. FOSTER

was born in Chicago Oct. 5, 1867. His father, a native of Sweden,



WALTER CARL FOSTER

was a prominent member of the Methodist Church on May st. At the time of the great fire in 1871 he was living on the north side. As a child of four he was carried across the Chicago River by his grandmother an instant before the bridge fell. In early childhood he attended the Carpenter School and later, the Metropolitan Business College. Subsequently he learned the art of garment cutting and became the head-cutter of one of Chicago's first tailoring firms, that of Edward Ely. This position was retained for ten years, after which he became associated with Hardy Bros., merchant tailors. The present title of the firm is Hardy Bros., Foster & Co., located at room 404, Atwood Bldg. Mr. Foster's home is at Ravenswood, where he has lived for about fifteen years. He is a member of the Methodist Church at Ravenswood.

Mr. Foster is a member of the National Union. He has served as president of the 29th precinct club of the 26th ward.

AUGUSTA J. OBERG,

born May 17, 1874, is the daughter of John Fredrik Öberg and Mathilda Larson Öberg of Stockholm. For the past twenty-seven years Mr. Öberg has held the position of superintendent of the Reymersholm woolen mills and in 1900 received a medal for long and faithful service. The daugh-



AUGUSTA JOSEPHINE OBERG

ter was born in Nyköping, from which city the family removed to

the capital in 1880. Having attended common and private schools, Miss Oberg came to the United States in 1892. After a brief stay in Cambridge, Ill., she came to Chicago and in 1894 entered the training school for nurses at Augustana Hospital, Chicago. She completed the course in two years and upon her graduation in July, 1896, she took a position as superintendent of Dr. Goodsmith's private sanatarium in this city.

Shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish-American war Miss Oberg was sent to Cuba by the National Emergency Association of Women Physicians, Surgeons and Nurses. She was stationed at Matanzas, where she served on board the American hospital ships that brought in a great number of patients, chiefly yellow fever victims, into that port. She was in the emergency service up to March, 1899.

Relieved from service in Cuba, Miss Oberg made a visit to her old home and spent one year in Stockholm. She returned to Sweden with a view to take up the practice of the professional nurse, but finding the field closed to all except graduates of Swedish training schools, she came back to the United States in September, 1900, since which time she has been engaged in private nursing in Chicago and vicinity.

OLIVER A. LINDER,

associate editor of *Svenska Amerikanaren*, was born at Gylle, near Trelleborg, Sweden, March 29, 1862. His early education was obtained in the public schools, supplemented by private instruc-



OLIVER A. LINDER

tion. At the age of fifteen he began to contribute to the local newspapers, and the following year became the regular local correspondent to *Allehanda* in Trelleborg. In the early part of the year 1880 he came to the United States. While variously employed as a farm hand, a sawmill worker, etc., he kept up his newspaper contributions, which in 1883 led to a situation on *Svenska Amerikanaren*. In 1884 and 1886 he made trips back to Sweden and in the intervals worked in the office of a steamship company, before returning to journalism in 1888, as editor of *Svenska Kuriren*. With that paper he remained only a few months, and next edited successively *Roman-Bladet* of Minneapolis, in 1889, *Humoristen* of Chicago, in 1890, and *Michigan-Tri-*

bunen of Ironwood, and *Nya Verlden* of Story City, Iowa, in 1891. In the spring of the following year he again became a member of the staff of *Svenska Amerikanaren*, a position since held permanently by him.

Mr. Linder is a practical journalist, whose arduous routine of news writing has never been permitted to choke his veins of poetry and humor, although materially limiting their flow. As a humorist he reminds one of Bill Nye, whose style he admits having used as a model. In 1890 and '91 he published a couple of small collections of humor in prose and verse, entitled "Glada Grin." His more recent poetical productions, however, have been mostly in a serious strain. His originality and vigorous diction give him a place among our best writers. Mr. Linder has contributed poems to various publications in book form, including *Prärieblomman*, but most of his verse is still scattered about in newspapers.

During the years devoted to journalism he has made extensive literary collections, which are carefully systematized so as to form an excellent working library. Of late he has also given some time to historical research relative to early Swedish colonization in America. The first result of this line of investigation is a monograph on John Morton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

In 1891 Mr. Linder was married to Miss Therese Sennström. They have an only child, a son, named Sven Cyril.

Mrs. Linder, born in Grisslehamn, Sweden, Jan. 24, 1866, also has a literary bent. She early began writing little sketches, making her first appearance in *Praktiken*, a paper published in Kristinehamn, where she attended a girls' seminary. From that time on she has written a considerable number of sketches and short stories for various newspapers and periodicals. During a recent year's sojourn in Sweden she sent a series of letters of travel to *Svenska Amerikanaren*, showing her to be a close observer and a clever and witty narrator.



THERESE LINDER

HENNING JOHNSON, veterinary surgeon, has been a Chicago resident since 1881. That year he came to this country from Jönköping, Sweden, where he was born June 16, 1868, the son of Sven Johanson, a dyer by trade.

Both parents are deceased. As a boy of thirteen Mr. Johnson began attending school in Chicago, shortly after his arrival, finishing grammar school in 1884. Thereupon he entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1886. After completing the courses in the Chicago Veterinary College, he graduated from that institution in 1892. Entering the employ of Lawrence Hesselroth, he worked under him as a pharmacist for eight years.



HENNING JOHNSON

Dr. Johnson in 1895 was appointed City Veterinary Surgeon by Mayor Swift, and served in that capacity for two years. Subsequently he received the appointment as veterinary surgeon of the Lincoln Park Zoo, an office filled by him up to the present time. As far as known, Dr. Johnson was the first Swedish veterinary surgeon graduated from an American veterinary college.

Dr. Johnson lives with his family at 526 Fullerton ave. His wife, Edith Lillian Chaiser, is the daughter of Andrew and Lottie Chaiser, both deceased. There are two children in his family, Henning Irving and Edith Linnea. The marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Johnson took place Oct. 21, 1894.

Dr. Johnson is a member of the Independent Order of Svithiod and of the Foresters.

EDWIN BOVIK

was born June 6, 1870, in Lysekil, Bohuslän, Sweden. In 1888 he emigrated to the United States coming directly to Chicago. After spending a few years learning the trade, he established himself as a merchant tailor, a business in which he is still engaged at 311 W. Garfield blvd. Since his coming to this country he has always been a Republican



EDWIN BOVIK

in politics. He is a member of Independent Order of Svithiod.

Mr. Bovik was married in 1895 to Miss Maria Holmgren. They have two sons, Le Roy E. and Verner A. Bovik.

WILLIAM LARSON

was born in Guldrupe parish, on the Island of Gotland, Sweden,



WILLIAM LARSON

Nov. 30, 1867, and was raised on a farm owned by his father, Lars Assarsson. His early education and training he obtained in the common school and a sloyd school. Having learned the dyer's trade, he worked at that for six years, after leaving the farm. In 1890, as a young man of twenty-three, he left home and came to the United States, locating in Chicago from the first. For five years he was employed in the Pullman Car Co's shops, putting his knowledge of handicraft to good use.

Leaving on account of what he considered too arbitrary restrictions on the workmen, he obtained a situation with a Swedish weekly newspaper, *Svenska Amerikanaren*, in the month of August, 1895. In this office he is still a member of the force, having steadily advanced from "handy man" about the place to his present position of advertising manager of said paper, together with another weekly, *Svenska Världen*, published from the same office.

Mr. Larson is as clever with the pen as with the pencil. He has written very readable verse and there are many creditable prose sketches from his hand scattered through the files of *Svenska Amerikanaren* and an occasional story or snatch of verse in other publications, including *Prärieblomman*, a Swedish-American literary annual. An inborn talent for drawing and sketching, is responsible for a number of portraits and other illustrations, which have appeared in the public prints.

Mr. Larson was married Dec. 22, 1894. Mrs. Larson was Miss Jenny Gustafson, born in Stora Åby, Östergötland, Sweden. Of four children born to them, two sons are living, Birger Eskil and Carl Gustaf, born, respectively, 1895 and 1900.

EDWARD RAYMOND

was born in Chicago, Feb. 18, 1870. His father was Adolf Fagerlund, but the son retains only the baptismal names. He passed through the public schools and

soon after was engaged as mason and builder. When he entered business in 1890 his enterprise



EDWARD RAYMOND

soon yielded handsome returns. Besides contracting for work he has erected a number of buildings of his own.

In 1897, Mr. Raymond was married to Miss Helga H. Sheall. They have two sons, and reside at 3957 Ridge boul.

Mr. Raymond is a Knight of Pythias and a Mason.

GÖSTA WESTMAN

was born April 1, 1882, in Helsingborg, Sweden. His parents are C. A. L. Westman, former director of telegraph at Malmö, and Mathilda, née Ramberg.

The son enjoyed a thorough education, fitting him for the literary career which he entered upon at an exceptionally early age. He was only seventeen years old when, in 1899, he obtained his first situation on a newspaper, and worked for the next four years on different papers in Helsingborg and Stockholm.

In 1903, Mr. Westman visited the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis as the correspondent of *Öresunds-Posten* in Helsingborg. At the close of the exposition he came to Chicago and was persuaded to remain. Securing a position on the *Svenska Nyheter*, as associate editor, he remained with that paper until October, 1906. During this period he contributed a large number of original sketches and feature articles to the paper. In 1907 he returned to Sweden.

Two years before Mr. Westman engaged in journalism he had had his first book published. It was an historical novel, entitled "Åke Ulfsson," a very fair effort on the part of an author fifteen years old. This was followed the next year by a collection of novellettes, entitled "Skämt och Allvar." In 1900 he wrote "Ålandskungen," an historical romance, which was published the following year. In 1903 he brought out another novel, "Testamentet," and a collection of short stories under the common title: "Ur en gammal stadskrönika." The same year he wrote a humorous annual review for stage production, dealing with local affairs in Helsingborg. From 1902–03 he published "*Argus*," a comic paper.

While engaged on *Svenska Nyheter* he wrote a short novel, based on the events of the war between Russia and Japan, entitled "På

lif och död," which ran as a serial in that paper in 1905.

A rich vein of humor, mixed with a dash now and then of satire, flows from Mr. Westman's prolific pen. The first fruits of his work are prophetic of greater things to follow.

JOHN F. LINDQUIST

was born Jan. 28, 1863, in Upsala, Sweden. From his sixth year to his fifteenth year he attended the country school. His father was a physician with an extensive practice. The son often spent his spare time in visiting the sick under his father's care. From the time of his father's death until 1883 he studied with private teachers in Upsala. On Aug. 11, 1893, he arrived in Chicago and here began the study of medicine at Rush Medical College and Harvey Medical College. After securing his medical diploma he took a post-graduate course in the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College. For several years he was connected with the St. Mary's Clinic in Chicago, and was appointed ear, nose and nose specialist at this institution. His downtown office is one of the best appointed in Chicago, and contains apparatus with the newest and best improvements for the treatment of his specialties.

Dr. Lindquist is widely known as a worker in the cause of temperance, having allied himself with local and national temperance societies after his coming to Chicago. He has repeatedly been elected chairman of the Illinois Scandinavian Temperance Association. He is the official physician of all



JOHN FREDRICK LINDQUIST

the national Scandinavian temperance societies and also of many English, Swedish and Spanish fraternal organizations. Dr. Lindquist's principles forbid the use of tobacco in any form. He deprecates the daily use of coffee, tea or alcoholic beverages, although he concedes their value medicinally. He has converted many patients and physicians to his views.

Dr. Lindquist is a member of the Chicago Medical Society, the Cook County Medical Society, the Illinois Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

His religious home is the First Swedish Ev. Lutheran Mission Church. In this church he taught a large class of young men for Bible study for some time, but professional duties lately compelled

him to withdraw from this activity.

Sept. 20, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Linquist, of Chicago. To them a daughter, Grace, and two sons, Raymond and Harry, have been born.

NILS P. SEVERIN,

contractor and builder, was born in Skåne, Sweden, March 30, 1861,



NILS P. SEVERIN

his parents being Per Nilsson and Elna Nilsson, farmer folk. What education the son received was acquired in the common schools, in the intervals of farm work. At seventeen years of age he engaged himself with a carpenter contractor to learn the trade. After four years' work he was promoted to a foremanship of a building crew, retaining that position until he left for the United States in 1888.

Mr. Severin located in Chicago and began contracting for buildings here in the fall of the same year. Since that time he has erected a large number of buildings in this city, including several large structures and fourteen churches.

He is affiliated with the following associations and business interests: the Carpenters' and Builders' Association; the Chicago Cemetery Association, as vice-president; the Swedish-American Hospital Association as a member of the board of directors; also director in the Scandia Life Insurance Company and president of the Swedish Baptist Mutual Aid Association. His business office is at 103 Reaper Block.

Mr. Severin is a man of family, having been married Dec. 30, 1885, to Miss Hanna Anderson of Frenninge, in his own native province, where she was born Jan. 2, 1860. Their children, with year of birth, are: Alfred N., 1887; Esther I., 1890; Enoch N., 1893, and Clara V., 1895.

MARGARET C. E. DAHLSTROM,

well known in musical circles as a vocalist and teacher of brilliant attainments, was born May 9, 1873, in Port Henry, N. Y.

Her voice, early in life being recognized as one of great promise, she was placed under local teachers and made rapid progress.

After some years of study in eastern cities she came to Chicago, to become a pupil of John R. Ortengren, with whom she re-

mained for several years, eventually graduating with high honors.

In 1902 Miss Dahlstrom associated herself with the Balatka



MARGARET CHRISTINE E. DAHLSTROM

Musical College as an instructor in the vocal department, where she has a large class.

Miss Dahlstrom is a member of the Sixth Presbyterian Church Quartette, the Hebrew Temple Quartette and also of the Swedish Ladies' Quartette. Her voice is a contralto of large range, sonorous and mellow, and capable of interpreting the most tender feeling. Her singing has a charm and resonance to which every audience is responsive. She has an extensive repertory of oratorios and songs.

JOHAN ALFRED ENANDER,

poet, author, lecturer, editor, and historian, was born in a peasant's home in Skinmoen, Härja parish, Vestergötland, Sweden, May 22, 1842. From his childhood he manifested an eagerness for reading, but opportunity for study was lacking. He was held to the duties of the average farmer boy. At the age of fifteen he left the parental home, (the family had removed to Bredgården, near the city of Borås) for a distant school, where he pursued his studies for some time under privations and hardships resulting from lack of means. Leaving school at the age of nineteen he secured a position in a county office. Seeing no future in that line of work, Enander cast about for other employment. He began contributing to local papers and wrote a "His-



JOHAN ALFRED ENANDER

tory of Mormonism," published in 1865 to counteract the spread of that doctrine in the province. After enjoying private instruction by several teachers, young Enander, in 1866, entered the sixth

class of the collegiate school at Venersborg.

In order to make his way he acted as private tutor and as assistant teacher in the city's trade school, besides continuing to write for the papers. Per Wieselgren and Dr. Peter Fjellstedt counselled him to apply to the Board of Directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary for free tuition and maintenance. This advice was followed and the request was granted. He left Göteborg for America Aug. 6, 1869, and proceeded to Paxton, Ill., where the institution was then located. The newcomer gained entrance to the highest class and began his theological studies, but continued only to the end of the term when his newspaper experience secured him the position of editor of *Hemlandet*, the organ of the Augustana Synod. Accepting the place, Enander came to this city and entered upon his life career.

In the great fire of 1871, Enander lost all the little he possessed. He was appointed chairman of the Scandinavian Relief Committee and during the winter was tireless in his efforts for the needy and destitute. His health was undermined about this time and at the advice of his physician he took a trip to Mexico. Returning to Chicago in improved health, he appeared in 1872 for the first time as political orator making a speaking tour in company with Governor Oglesby in behalf of General Grant's reelection to the presidency.

The same year Enander entered into partnership with G. A. Bohman, purchased *Hemlandet* and made it a political newspaper, Enander continuing as its editor.

Besides his work in *Hemlandet*, Enander exerted himself in other directions. The first Swedish-American Young People's Society was organized by his direction under the auspices of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church in Chicago. He also developed considerable activity as writer and publisher. About this time he edited a literary monthly of high excellence, *När och Fjerran*, published by his firm. In 1879–81 another publication, entitled *Ungdoms-Vännen*, was edited by him.

In 1876 Mr. Enander was chosen by the festival committee of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia to deliver the address on the day set aside for the Swedish celebration.

In 1878 Mr. Enander accompanied the American delegates to the International Congress which then met in Stockholm.

Enander was one the prime movers in having erected a monument to Carl von Linné (Linnæus), a replica of a statue erected in Stockholm. The Linné Monument Association, formed for this purpose, chose him as chairman, a place which he resigned before the work was completed. On the day of unveiling, May 23, 1891, he delivered the festival oration.

During all presidential campaigns for the past thirty years Mr. Enander has been an able

champion of the principles of the Republican party. By direction of the Republican National Committee, he has traveled through almost all the states in which Swedish-Americans reside, making stiring political speeches to his countrymen. President Harrison in 1888 appointed Mr. Enander American Minister to Denmark, but before he could leave for the post untoward circumstances cut short his ambition to represent the Republic in the Danish capital, and another man was selected in his stead.

In 1890, Mr. Enander was called by the Board of Directors of Augustana College to the chair of Swedish Language and Literature. He served until 1893 when he resigned his chair. In the meantime the firm of Enander and Bohman had experienced financial troubles, leading to the dissolution of the copartnership.

After a year of literary work at home, Enander for two years edited *Svenska Journalen*, a Swedish weekly published in Omaha, Neb. At the invitation of the newly organized Hemlandet Company in Chicago, he again assumed the editorship of *Hemlandet* in 1896.

Enander from the time of his coming to this country has been an interested member of the Swedish-American Lutheran Church. The Augustana Synod has entrusted to him many responsible commissions. At an audience with King Oscar II. in 1878, he was fortunate in obtaining from the King, and later the university authorities, permission for Swedish-American college graduates to enter the Swedish universities without examination. As a member of the synodical assemblies he has fathered and furthered many measures of importance to the church.

Enander has been much in demand as orator. The principal occasions at which he has been the speaker of the day, besides the aforesaid, are the following: the reception to the military delegation from Sweden at the Chicago Semi-Centenary in 1887; Swedish Day at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893; the King Oscar Jubilee in Chicago in 1897; Swedish-American Day at the Industrial Exposition in Norrköping, Sweden in 1906.

In 1902 the Board of Directors of Augustana College conferred on Enander the degree of LL. D., and in 1905 he received from King Oscar the "Literis et Artibus" medal in recognition of his authorship. He is also the possessor of a Polish honorary order given as a mark of gratitude for actual efforts in behalf of Poland at the time of its struggle for independence in the '60s.

Enander's published works and compilations, besides the Mormon history above mentioned, are the following: "Förenta Staternas Historia," (United States History), a work published in Chicago, 1875–1880. This work, has been translated into Dano-Norwegian and in part into English. "Valda

Skrifter," (Selected Works), an illustrated work published in 1892 in Chicago, comprising addresses, historical essays, narratives and poems. "Nordmännen i Amerika eller Amerikas upptäckt," (The Northmen in America, or The Discovery of America) an historical dissertation, published in Rock Island, Ill., in 1892. "Våra Fäders Sinnelag," (The Character of our Ancestors), published in Stockholm in 1894. "Ur Svenska Sången," an anthology of Swedish poetry from 1800 to 1850, published at Rock Island in 1901. "Linnæa," a collection of verse by Swedish-American writers published and sold for the benefit of the Linnæan monument fund. "Eterneller och Vårblommor," a collection of standard religious and patriotic poems from Swedish literature.

Enander has, besides, contributed to newspapers and literary annuals in Sweden and the United States, among which may be mentioned the annuals *Vintersol*, in Sweden, and *Prärieblomman* in this country.

Dr. Enander is a member, active or honorary, of several civic, historical and literary societies.

At 55 Oak place in Lake View, Dr. Enander and his family have resided for many years back. His marriage took place June 22, 1873, at Paxton, Ill., Mrs. Enander, whose maiden name was Melinda Lawson, is the daughter of one of the earliest Swedish settlers in the West. There are three grown children, the daughters Ada Elvira Angelika and Hilma Louise Alfhild, and the son, Johan Einar Hilding.

CARL T. STRANDBERG

belongs to the well-known Swedish family of this name. Mr.



CARL THORSTEN STRANDBERG

Strandberg was born Jan. 22, 1861, at Tomta, Hallsberg parish, Nerike, Sweden. After having completed his education in Sweden, he went to America, arriving in the month of June, 1888. He soon obtained a position as bookkeeper on the Board of Trade in Chicago. In 1890 he accepted a position as chief clerk with the large transportation firm of Peter McDonnell & Co., in their Chicago offices and remained with this firm for more than seven years. In 1898, Mr. Strandberg was appointed business manager of the well-known newspaper *Gamla och Nya Hemlandet*, and later was elected its treasurer.

Mr. Strandberg is also an officer

and director in the Scandia Loan and Investment Association, and holds positions of trust in several other enterprises.

In 1889, Mr. Strandberg was joined in matrimony with Miss Ellen Victoria Pedro, who was for many years private secretary to the renowned Swedish novelist, Emilie Flygare-Carlén. Mr. and Mrs. Strandberg have one child, a daughter, Elsa Victoria. The family residence is at 1227 North Shore ave., Rogers Park.

ANNA C. FREID

was born March 20, 1848, at Pelarne, Småland, Sweden. Her



ANNA CHARLOTTA FREID

parents, Johan Magnus Freid och Anna Helena, née Peterson, emigrated to this country in 1857 and settled on a farm in Andover, Ill., where they died in 1891.

The daughter was confirmed by the pioneer, Rev. Jonas Swensson, and later became a professional nurse. In 1884 she was called to the newly established Augustana Hospital in Chicago as head nurse and matron of the institution, retaining both positions until she resigned in 1896.

Miss Freid made a tour of England, France, Germany, Sweden, Finland and Norway in 1896 and and again in 1898, studying hospitals and deaconess institutions. She was one of the leading figures in the establishment of the Immanuel Woman's Home Association at 577½ La Salle ave. and is the president and treasurer of its board of trustees. Its object is to provide a home under Christian influences for such young women as are temporarily out of work and also for those who have no other home. It will also be a social gathering place for such members as are employed but do not live there. The home was opened Sept. 7, 1907.

Miss Freid is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Luth. Church since 1886 and is a life member of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute at Omaha, Neb. She spends her summers at Pistakee Bay, McHenry co., Ill., where she has a summer cottage.

JOHN A. SANDGREN,

high secretary of the Independent Order of Svithiod, was born at Mortorp, Småland, April 10, 1871.

His father, C. A. Sandgren, is a leather manufacturer and a man of consequence in the community, now holding the office of postmaster at Mortorp where he

resides. He is also the owner of a beautiful farm at Kulltorp. There were ten children in the family,



JOHN ALBERT SANDGREN

five of whom survive. The elder Sandgren aimed to give his children a fair education, and the son John, after attending common school and enjoying private instruction, was given a course first at a business college in Kalmar, then at an agricultural school at Applerum, where he studied only the theoretical branches. His education finished, John Sandgren held a situation as a bookkeeper on Baron Stjernstedts large estate at Lökene, Vermland, until 1891, when he came over to the United States. Here the newcomer during the first year worked at whatever he could find to do. He was at Sheffield, Pa., Jamestown and Buffalo, N. Y., and elsewhere, stopping a short time in each place. In the fall of 1892 he came on to Chicago and soon obtained a clerical position with the Chicago Title and Trust Company and remained with this firm for eight years. In 1902 he was elected high secretary of the Independent Order of Svithiod and is still in charge of the headquarters of that order at 525 Reaper block.

Besides holding membership in the Verdandi Lodge of said order, Mr. Sandgren belongs to the King Oscar Lodge of the Masonic Order. He is also the treasurer of the Swedish Societies Central Association, a charitable organization maintaining the Swedish Old Peoples' Home at Park Ridge, Illinois.

Mr. Sandgren was married Jan. 11, 1899, to Miss Thekla C. Bogren of Chicago. They live in a home of their own at 3361 North Ashland ave.

LARS JOHNSON

was born Dec. 22, 1853, in Hasselstad, Ronneby parish, Blekinge, Sweden, where he was educated in the public, grammar and high schools. Attracted by the greater chances offered in the New World, he came over to this country in September, 1879. For the last eighteen years Mr. Johnson has been engaged in the business of buying and selling of western and southern lands. His office is at room 1023, Chamber of Commerce Building, Chicago.

Mr. Johnson was married in

1889 to Hilma L. Carlson. They have a daughter, Myrtle, now about fifteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

ROBERT ANDERSON

was born Dec. 11, 1870, in Gustaf Adolf parish, Vestergötland,



ROBERT ANDERSON

Sweden. His early education was obtained in the public schools in Sweden. He learned the painter's trade in Jönköping. In 1887 he emigrated and came directly to Chicago. He worked at his trade during the day, and at night attended the night school. After three years of intense application he began his own business. In 1895 he formed a partnership with E. Osterholm with the firm name of Anderson and Osterholm. The business started with five men and a business of about $5,000 a year. It now requires 75 men and the volume of the business is more than $100,000 a year. The firm was incorporated in 1902 as the Anderson and Osterholm Co. Paint stores are maintained at 1202 W. 59th st. and 3200 N. Clark st.

Mr. Anderson has been a trustee of the Swedish Mission Church in Englewood for the past sixteen years, and its Sunday school superintendent for many years. He is a member of the board of directors of Englewood Hospital and many other organizations.

In 1890 Mr. Anderson entered the matrimonial state with Miss Selma Holtzen of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have a pleasant home and are blessed with two children, Sigurd, aged fifteen and Alice, aged five years.

GUSTAVE JACOBSON

was born Oct. 13, 1873, at Grangesberg, Dalarne, Sweden. Emigrating in 1884 with his parents, he went to Chicago. After attending the public school he started in the printing trade at the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Co.'s. office in 1887. Since then he has worked in various places, among them *Fosterlandet* and *Svenska Tribunen* offices. Since 1903 he has conducted a linotype office. He also has charge of the *Hemlandet* printing department.

Mr. Jacobson is a member of Verdandi Lodge No. 3, I. O. S., the N. S. B. A. and of the Swedish Typographical Union No. 247.

He was married June 25, 1896, to Beda Dorothea Swanson, born Feb. 5, 1873, at Nås, Dalarne,



GUSTAVE JACOBSON

Sweden. Their children are Mabel D., Roswell G., Clifford A. and Vivian S. Jacobson. The family resides at 927 Devon ave., Edgewater.

EMIL SHERMAN

was born Feb. 12, 1865, in Stora Forssa, Hammar parish, Nerike, Sweden. His early education was obtained in the Swedish public school. In 1881 he emigrated, arriving in America in July. The young man here went to work in a meat market, and finally became the proprietor of a market at 75 Sedgwick st. In 1907 he opened a restaurant next door to his meat market.

Mr. Sherman not only has pronounced musical tastes but is also gifted with a talent for composition, having written several pieces for the piano. Two of these have been published, bearing the titles, "Peace and Prosperity to All Nations," a march, and "Uncle the Great," a march and two-step.

A novel piece of furniture called the rocking modore has been patented by Mr. Sherman in the United States, Canada and several European countries. It is a rocking footrest on which the feet are elevated on a level with the body and which swings with each motion of the occupant of a rocking chair.

Mr. Sherman was married Nov. 21, 1885, to Clara Johanson, born



EMIL SHERMAN

in Varola parish, Vestergötland. Their children are Ella Victoria, born Nov. 5, 1886 and Gustaf William, born July 4, 1888.

AXEL W. AKESSON

was born in Lund, Sweden, March 22, 1872. He was educated in the Lund Cathedral School, and

then, having obtained a stipend for five years from the Royal College of Commerce, went to Berlin,



AXEL WICTOR AKESSON

where he attended a technical school, thereupon going to Vienna, Zürich, Paris and London to various schools.

Returning to Stockholm, Mr. Akesson took a thorough course at the Kjellberg Institute. He went to Chicago in 1891, and is now the proprietor of the Kellberg Institute for massage and medical gymnastics at 1107 Champlain Building.

Mr. Akesson is a member of King Oscar Lodge of Free Masons, the Oriental Consistory, the Mystic Shrine, the First Swedish Lodge of Odd Fellows, the Swedish Glee Club and the Svithiod Singing Club.

On Jan. 17, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Akesson to Anna Grönquist, who is his able assistant.

GUSTAF HOLMQUIST

was born in the Swedish city of Nora, Vestmanland, Feb. 14, 1872, and was reared there until thirteen years of age, when the family emigrated to Minneapolis, Minn. The same year, 1885, the young man joined a mixed choir as alto singer, but his musical training did not begin until he reached the age of twenty-one. Then he became a pupil of A. W. Porter of Minneapolis, continuing under his instruction for four years, or until 1897, when Mr. Holmquist interrupted his studies for a year by going to Alaska as the superintendent of a gang of road builders. Returning in 1898, he resumed



GUSTAF HOLMQUIST

his musical studies and two years later came to Chicago. Here he placed himself under the direction of W. N. Burritt and W. L. Hubbard, who have taken pride in the training and further develop-

ment of Mr. Holmquist's excellent voice.

While in Minneapolis, Mr. Holmquist was one of the prominent soloists of that city, singing in the Westminster, the Presbyterian and other large churches. Since coming to Chicago, he has been a member of the splendid quartet of the Plymouth Church for seven years.

Gustaf Holmquist, within the last few years has made for himself an enviable place among the ablest bassos of the United States. Possessing a voice of exceptionally rich, sympathetic quality, of great power and of wide range, he is peculiarly fitted for every kind of public concert work from oratorio and festival performances to song recitals and private musicales.

During the season of 1901 he was one of the soloists selected for the Chautauqua Assembly concerts.

Mr. Holmquist has been twice engaged as soloist for the singing festivals of the American Union of Swedish Singers, namely at Jamestown in 1901 and at Chicago in 1905. He was soloist at the festivals of the Eastern division of the above organization at Boston in 1903 and Providence in 1907, and at the Western division's festival in Moline 1907. The United Norwegian Singers of America chose him as soloist at their festivals in Sioux Falls in 1902 and at La Crosse in 1905.

In 1903 he received the flattering offer to go to the St. Louis Exposition as baritone soloist of the Evanston Musical Club. There he sang in an oratorio, the excellent rendition of which brought the club a competitive prize of $3,500.

The Apollo Club of Chicago chose him as bass soloist in "Messiah" and in Gabriel Pierne's "The Children's Crusade."

His successes with the leading choral societies of the country, as the bass soloist in Handel's "Messiah," "The Creation" of Haydn, Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and "St. Paul," Gounod's "Redemption" and kindred works prove him an oratorio singer par excellence.

His song recitals have been the subject of most enthusiastic approval, his interpretation of the standard German and English songs winning him only highest commendation and his authoritative rendition of the Swedish folk- and art-songs lending peculiar interest and novelty to his programs.

May 23, 1893, Mr. Holmquist was married to Miss Olivia Ogren at Minneapolis.

JOHN A. WESTERLUND

was born June 10, 1865, near Orion, Ill., and is the son of Peter Westerlund, one of the earliest Swedish settlers in Henry county. Until he was eighteen years of age he worked on his father's farm. Being desirous of a higher education he attended Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kans., for six years and was graduated in 1891, in the classical course, with the degree of A. B., being a member of the first class sent out from

the institution. In the same year he went to Chicago, engaging in the real estate and insurance bus-



JOHN A. WESTERLUND

iness. He also identified himself with the colonization and immigration business in the South and West. With the exception of five years spent in the South, he has been making Chicago his home.

Since 1902 he has operated extensively in Oregon and Washington and in western Nebraska acting as special traveling immigration agent for the Union Pacific R. R. and as state commissioner of immigration of Oregon by appointment of Governor Chamberlain. In 1903 he founded and organized the Western Oregon Orchard Company, which now is one of the largest fruit growing concerns of its kind on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Westerlund has traveled extensively, having visited every state in the Union, and in 1897 made a tour through England, Germany and the three Scandinavian countries.

Feb. 23, 1898, Mr. Westerlund was married to Miss Ella Cornelia Holmberg, adopted daughter of the late C. P. Holmberg, the veteran Chicago publisher. Mr. and Mrs. Westerlund reside in Sheridan Park, and are members of the Lutheran Church. They are both active in the church, Mr. Westerlund serving as trustee.

JOHAN A. LINDEBORG

was born Feb. 6, 1835, in Kråkshult, Småland, Sweden. His father, Johan Peter Olofson, a farmer, was born in 1804 and died



JOHAN A. LINDEBORG

in 1890. His mother, Sara Lisa Svensdotter from Rumskulla, died in 1860, aged fifty years. In his early days he was occupied in farming and various mechanical pursuits. He studied four terms at the elementary school in Ahlsborg in

1862–63. Subsequently he was engaged as assistant teacher in Rev. B. G. Glasell's institute for the deaf and dumb and the blind at Nya Varfvet in Göteborg. In 1867 Mr. Lindeborg left this position to emigrate, and first located in La Porte and South Bend, Ind. where he was employed as a cabinetmaker in the Singer Sewing Machine Co.'s factory. He was next employed in the Pullman shops, and worked for various periods of time at fine interior finishing in Chicago.

Mr. Lindeborg was engaged as a salesman in the book store of Enander & Bohman for six years and in that of the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Co. for two years.

Mr. Lindeborg has been active in politics, served repeatedly as election clerk and was once a delegate to the county convention. He has been an unswerving Republican since he acquired American citizenship, and has taken part by discussion and vote in every campaign since 1868.

He is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago. He served as secretary for ten years, taught in the Bible classes of the Sunday school for twelve years, and as a member of the Immanuel Society served as secretary for a number of years and frequently took part in its literary programs.

At present he is engaged in the H. M. Cable piano works at La Porte, Ind.

He was married to Karolina Josefina Widerström. Their one daughter, Alida, is Mrs. V. O. Peterson of Rock Island.

SVEN JOHAN SEBELIUS,

minister of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod, is the son of



SVEN JOHAN SEBELIUS

Sebelius Anderson, a carpenter of Tvåaker, Halland, Sweden, where he was born April 4, 1874. The family left the old country in 1879, stopping in Pennsylvania, where they resided at Clermont, McIntire and Peale, and finally settled at Du Bois. In the public schools the son obtained his fundamental education and after that entered Augustana College. From that institution he graduated in 1901 with the degree of A. B. and from Augustana Theological Seminary three years later as a Bachelor of Divinity. While at college Mr. Sebelius was an earnest student of the literature of the

mother country and was one of the organizers of the Swedish Society of Belles Lettres, becoming one of the five charter members and serving one term as its president.

Since his ordination in 1904, Rev. Mr. Sebelius has been in charge of the Siloa Swedish Lutheran Church at Blue Island, one of the suburbs of Chicago. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Ministerial Association of Chicago.

The Rev. Mr. Sebelius was married Sept. 25, 1907, to Miss Emily Anderson of Portland, Conn.

MARIE SWANSON

was born Aug. 31, 1875, in Härlöf, Kristianstad, Sweden. Her



MARIE SWANSON

father is Sven Johanson, now a resident of Chicago. She came to this country in 1892. Having received her fundamental education in her native land, Miss Swanson came to this city, where she attended Harvey Medical College for three years. Later on she attended the American Medical College in St. Louis, Mo., graduating therefrom April 21, 1903. The state medical examinations in both Missouri and Illinois have been successfully passed by her.

Dr. Swanson is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security, Independent Order of Foresters and of the Royal Neighbors of America. She is medical examiner of Harmony Council No. 928 of K. & L. of S., of Companion Court New Monitor No. 427 I. O. F. and of Ravenswood Camp No. 3053 R. N. of A.

JOHN E. MOHLIN

was born Jan. 18, 1863, in Kalmar, Sweden. His early training



JOHN EDVARD MOHLIN

he received in a business college of his home city. In 1886 he emigrated to America and went

immediately to Chicago, which place has since been his home.

After the lapse of a few years he began business as a mason contractor together with John Woodstrom. This business was incorporated in 1898 as the Lake View Building Company.

Mr. Mohlin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Ravenswood.

EUGENE L. SWENSON,

son of Carl Swenson, a wholesale fish dealer, was born March 12,



EUGENE L. SWENSON

1879, in Chicago. After graduating from the Franklin School, he attended the English High and Manual Training School and the Chicago Athenæum.

Having gained a general business experience during the past few years, Mr. Swenson in 1905 organized Swenson's Land Agency, with office at 171 La Salle st., for the purpose of attracting Swedish colonists to Bovina, Texas, a new settlement in the northwestern part of that state. Farmers in the northern states are finding that they can sell their farms and obtain with the proceeds from five to ten times as much equally fertile land in Texas as they originally owned. Mr. Swenson is the owner of Swenson's Hotel in Bovina.

He is a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago.

In June, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Torell, daughter of Rev. J. Torell of Swedesburg, Neb.

A. P. MARTIN,

Swedish Lutheran minister, was born Nov. 17, 1858, in Gud-



A. P. MARTIN

mundtorp parish, Skåne, Sweden. When but a child of eight he was deprived of a home through the sudden death of his father. At

twelve he came to America, and after due preparation entered Augustana College and Theological Seminary, was ordained pastor of the Augustana Synod in Minneapolis June 27, 1886, and entered the service of the church at Sioux City, Iowa.

During the summer of 1900 he visited Sweden, Norway, Denmark and England. In the same year he accepted a call as a Lutheran missionary in Utah. After laboring in this field for five years, he served for three years as pastor of the church at Eureka, Cal. While there he acted as secretary of the California Conference.

In the fall of 1898 Rev. Martin removed to Blue Island, Ill., as pastor of the Siloa Church. In 1904 he accepted a call to Stratford, Ia. Since September, 1907, he is stationed at Sharon Springs, Kansas.

Oct. 10, 1894, Rev. Martin was married to Miss Ella Theresia Wahlquist. Their children are: Daniel Theophilus, Helga Naomi and Philemon Jonathan.

FRANK ROSBERG

was born Sept. 29, 1854, in Småland, Sweden. With his parents he emigrated to the United States in 1856 and settled in Chicago. Frank attended the old Kinzie School on the north side. He then obtained employment in the printing trade, and has been a cylinder pressman for over thirty years, having had a press room for more than fifteen years.

Mr. Rosberg is married, his wife being Mattie Surrean, a native of Sweden. They have two sons and two daughters, and live in



FRANK ROSBERG

their own residence at 5251 Artesian ave.

FRED J. NELSON

was born July 16, 1866, in Östra Ny parish, Sweden. Since his arrival to this country in 1877 he has resided in Florence, Wis., Iron Mountain, Mich., and Chicago. The parents are Nils J. Nilson, a merchant in Brunnby, and his wife, Carolina.

Mr. Nelson was for four years employed as a switchman on the Northwestern Railroad, later going into business as a coal dealer and furniture mover in partnership with Mr. Westerberg. Their office is at 3569 N. Clark st.

For many years Mr. Nelson has been closely identified with church work. He is a member of the Ebenezer Swedish Luth. Church,

and has faithfully served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and treasurer of the church.



FRED J. NELSON

His marriage to Miss Augusta Emelia Nelson has been blessed with three children, Signe, Harry and Judith.

ROBERT LINDBLOM,

for thirty years one of the foremost Swedish-American citizens of Chicago, was born in Asker parish, Nerike, Sweden, Nov. 17, 1844. He received his fundamental education in a school at Högsjö, Södermanland, and for a time was in the service of the government survey. Prior to his emigration to America, Mr. Lindblom had taken a course in a commercial school and had learned the rudiments of banking at Örebro, so that when he came here in 1864, he already possessed a fair knowledge of business principles. The following year we find Lindblom in Milwaukee, as an employee in the grain, packing and elevator business of the firm of L. H. Higby & Co., with whom he advanced to the position of cashier. In 1873 he established himself in the grain and commission business on his own account.

Four years later he removed to Chicago, where he was a successful operator on the Board of Trade for many years. Lindblom was a veteran of many notable deals in grain. During the period of 1880 to 1883, when speculation was at its height, there were few operators who could match him in shrewd trading, and he frequently bought and sold blocks of half a



ROBERT LINDBLOM

million bushels of wheat and corn at a time. As indicated by his huge financial operations, Lindblom at this time was a man of wealth, but his fortune is said to have been shattered in the famous Leiter "May corner" a decade

ago. He was a member of the principal commercial organizations in the country, viz., the Milwaukee and Minneapolis Chambers of Commerce, New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, New York Produce Exchange, Pittsburg Stock Exchange and St. Louis Merchants' Exchange, besides the Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Stock Exchange.

About eighteen years ago Lindblom became closely connected with the "farmers' movement" and contributed by speech and pen in the effort to bring about a reform in the system of handling farm products. He was from that time on a constant advocate of the abolition of option trading on boards of trade, favoring trading in actual grain instead.

Lindblom affiliated chiefly with the Democratic party, but on occasion gave his support to the Socialists, without, however, parading his friendship for the labor element as a device for attaining political preferment. In 1893 he was appointed a member of the Board of Education, and was chairman of its finance committee from then until 1896. In 1898 Mayor Harrison prevailed upon him to become a member of the Civil Service Commission of Chicago, and Mr. Lindblom served as president of that body for four years, until July, 1902. During the period of 1893 to 1897 he was a member of Governor John P. Altgeld's staff, with the honorary title of Colonel.

We find Lindblom among the original promoters of the World's Columbian Exposition. He became one of its thirty-six directors, and as chairman of the committee on promotion wrote the first appeal to the people of the Mississippi Valley. While in Washington before the Senate, he was one of five men to subscribe the half million dollars then lacking to complete Chicago's pledge of ten million dollars. Mr. Lindblom served, besides, as acting commissioner of the Swedish exhibit until the arrival of Arthur Leffler, the regular commissioner. For his services to Sweden in that capacity and otherwise in connection with the World's Fair, he was decorated by King Oscar with the Order of Vasa.

In the early nineties Lindblom launched in the publishing business with a daily newspaper, the Chicago *Press*. The enterprise, however, did not carry itself, and the paper suspended publication after a brief existence. In collaboration with Ira C. Emery, Lindblom wrote a book, entitled "Unrest," a sociological novel, in which his virile pen deals ingeniously with a number of political and social problems. He was a more forcible than fluent public speaker, who, forced to the front by his personal prominence in the community, often appeared before his fellow countrymen on public occasions.

He was a member of the Union League Club and the Swedish Glee Club and of a number of other organizations in this city

and elsewhere. Of the Glee Club he was an active promoter and served repeatedly as its president, holding that distinction at the time of his death. In him not only this singing aggregation but the united Swedish-American male choruses had one of their best friends and patrons. He will be remembered as the one who donated a championship banner, valued at $500, for the Scandinavian singers' festival, held at Minneapolis in 1891.

In 1874 Mr. Lindblom was married at Milwaukee, to Miss Hattie Lewis of that city, who died in 1895. To them were born two daughters, Lenore and Vesta, the latter married to Clas Ake Mauritz Pauli, a lieutenant of the Royal Dragoons of Skåne, and residing at Ystad, Sweden.

Robert Lindblom passed away Feb. 15, 1907, at the age of sixty-two years. He owned a handsome residence at 678 La Salle ave. facing Lincoln Park, and left an estate valued at $15,000, a mere remnant of his former fortune.

ERIK ROSÉN,

who for the past fourteen years has been in charge of the Swedish Baptist Church of Englewood, was engaged in evangelistic work in Sweden for a long period before coming to the United States and is mentioned among the foremost workers in the Baptist Church in the old country. He was born at Myssjö, Jämtland, Sweden, Nov. 8, 1843, and had a Christian bringing up at home. At the age of sixteen he entered the people's school at Myssjö, and two years later went into the forests to earn his living as a lumberer.



ERIK ROSÉN

During a revival at Myssjö in 1864 Rosén became the first convert to Baptism in that locality. The following spring he went to Sundsvall and became the assistant to Olof Engberg in colportage and mission work. This work he continued, traveling in the northern provinces. Having participated in a course of instruction in a Bible school at Kullstaberg, he preached his first sermon at Sonna, Medelpad. He traveled afoot as an unsalaried missionary and made his way by the sale of books and tracts. The following summer he took another course at a Bible school in Sundsvall and in 1866 entered the school conducted by Gustaf Palmquist in Stockholm.

At the suggestion of Rev. A.

Wiberg, Rosén in 1870 made a missionary trip to Finland. Having preached for a month in Jakobstad, he was arrested, confronted with the rector of the parish and forbidden to continue preaching. Disregarding the order, he continued his labors until one day a mob threatened his life, when he left for Vasa and preached there for a season.

In the fall of 1870 Rosén entered the Bethel Seminary in Stockholm. After two years' study he was called to Gefle, where the Baptist church had been almost annihilated on account of the burning of the city in 1870. He collected the remnants of the church and opened missions in the neighboring parishes, also extending his labors to the adjacent provinces.

In 1882 Rev. Rosén removed to Falun, where he had aided in organizing a church, and labored as its pastor for six years. The next five years he preached at Hudiksvall. Through his efforts the Gefle and Falun District Conference was formed.

Emigrating to America in 1892, Rev. Rosén took charge of the church in McKeesport, Pa., for a short period. The following year he accepted a call to Chicago, where he has given the Englewood church excellent pastoral service up to the end of the year 1907, when he left this charge to reenter the service of the Baptist Church in the mother country, where he is known among his brethren as "the apostle of Norrland," owing to his efficient pioneer work in that region.

Mr. Rosén was married in Gefle Dec. 16, 1876, to Helena Hammarberg, who passed away in Hudiksvall Jan. 9, 1889. There were in this marriage three sons, of whom one, Edward Daniel, now 25 years old, is still living. Sept. 12, 1901, he married Maria E. Modig, with whom he has three sons, of whom two died. Theodor Emanuel is still living, 4 years old.

ALFRED STROMBERG,

inventor, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, March 9, 1861. His



ALFRED STROMBERG

early life was spent in the vicinity of that city. In 1876 he began work in the electrical field and in 1879–80 had charge of a large part of the work of installing the telephone exchange in Stockholm. Later he had charge of the construction and the installation of a large number of exchanges

throughout the Scandinavian peninsula and Denmark.

In 1885 Mr. Stromberg having left Sweden for the New World, entered the employ of the Bell Telephone Co., in Chicago. He remained in the instrument and construction departments of this company until 1890, during which time he made a number of inventions, some of which are still used by the Bell Company. Mr. Stromberg then took charge of the practical work of the Chicago Electric Protective Co.'s Burglar Alarm System. While in this position he made a number of improvements and inventions, and the company is now operating under what is known as the "Stromberg system."

When the fundamental telephone patents expired in 1894, Mr. Stromberg entered the independent telephone field with Androv Carlson, incorporating in 1895 as the Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co. By 1901, they had a force of 1,200 men and the business transacted a month amounted to $200,000.

In 1903 the establishment was consolidated with several large eastern companies, the firm now having $20,000,000 capital and employing 2,500 men. Mr. Stromberg has retired from the firm and is now president of the Goldberg Motor Car Devices Mfg. Co. at 1253 Michigan ave. His old partner Androv Carlson is still associated with him.

In 1886 Mr. Stromberg was married to Miss Ella Johnson, also a native of Stockholm. They have one son and three daughters. The family residence is at 2305 Sheridan Road.

OLOF VALLEY,

the well-known basso, was born Sept. 27, 1868 in Ljusne, Helsingland, where his father was for over 40 years foreman of a saw mill. The son came to this country in 1887 and located in Chicago, where he followed the trade of a machinist.



OLOF VALLEY

Joining the Swedish Glee Club, he contributed not a little to its superb singing. Mr. Valley went with the chorus on the trip to Sweden in 1897. He studied the voice with prominent teachers in Chicago. He appeared in numerous concerts as bass soloist and had several appointments in church quartets. Entering the Chicago Conservatory of Music he was graduated in 1902.

In 1904 Mr. Valley accepted a call as director of music at the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas. Prof. Valley is at the head of the music department and is director of the college chorus. In the summer of 1907 he toured the states with an organization called "The Olof Valley Company" and met with fine success.

Prof. Valley is a man of fine physique and has a splendid bass voice of wide range.

He was united in marriage on May 2, 1896 with Anna Östbom, daughter of Lieut. N. F. G. Östbom of the Royal Svea Artillery Regiment. A son, Norman, was born to them July 26, 1898.

EMIL AND ERIC WERNER.

The elder brother, Emil Werner, was born at Snaflunda parish,



ERIC A. WERNER

Nerike, June 29, 1862. After attending school for some time at Askersund, he emigrated in 1887 direct to Chicago. Mr. Werner was married on June 29, 1902, to Miss Cecilia Carlson of Chicago. A son, Nels, was born to them.

Eric Werner was born at Snaflunda, Dec. 21, 1872. He studied at the Carolinian Institute at



EMIL WERNER

Örebro until 1887 when he emigrated to America together with his brother. In 1892 the two brothers engaged in the expressing, storage and coal business under the firm name of Werner Bros. The beginning was modest but with time the business has grown to be the largest of its kind on the north side. The firm has one large storage warehouse at 18–24 Evanston ave., another one at 266–272 Lincoln ave., a third at 1968–70 Evanston ave., Sheridan Park. The firm employs 150 men, has 20 moving vans, a large number of express and heavy truck wagons, and 125 horses.

They have over 500 fire proof rooms for the storage of furniture, household goods and works of art.

Emil Werner died April 19, 1906, so that now the management devolves upon the younger brother.

Mr. Eric Werner has twice visited his old home in Sweden. He also traveled through other European countries.

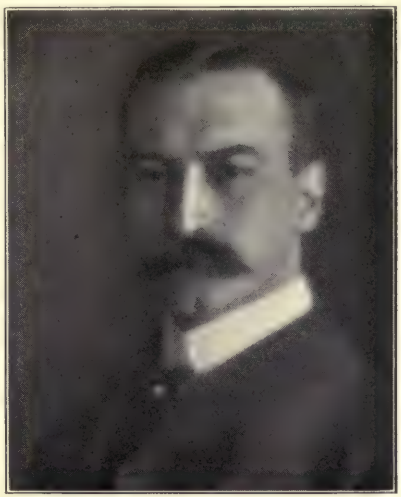
Jan. 13, 1904, he was married to Miss Ellen Nelson, born in Copenhagen, of Danish parents, June 4, 1884, the wedding being celebrated with splendid festivities at the club house of the Swedish Glee Club, of which Mr. Werner is a member. Mr. and Mrs. Werner have a daughter named Vivian.

ANDERS FRICK,

doctor of medicine, was born in the city of Malmö, Sweden, Jan. 12, 1868. He attended the Malmö collegiate school and later, the University of Lund. After graduating in September, 1896, from the renowned Carolinian Medico-Surgical Institute in Stockholm, he came to the United States in the following December.

Dr. Frick is a successful practitioner enjoying high standing among Chicago's medical profession. He was associate to the chair of Therapeutics at Rush Medical College 1901–1905 and is a member of the staff of Augustana Hospital since November, 1903, and is assistant chief of its medical department.

Dr. Frick is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, the Chicago Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the



ANDERS FRICK

Scandinavian Medical Society of Chicago, the German Medical Society of Chicago, the Swedish Medical Society of Stockholm and of the Swedish Glee Club.

FRITHIOF V. HEDEEN

was born Dec. 9, 1875, in Stockholm. In his home city he attended the North Latin School, his studies there forming a good foundation for his future work in America. In 1891 he emigrated and several years later became interested in religious work. After serving the Swedish Baptist Church in Altona, Ill., he entered the Swedish Theological Seminary of the University of Chicago. In the summer of 1900 he served the church in Brunswick, Minn., and

in 1901 had a call to become pastor at Evanston. During this same year he was ordained and two



FRITHIOF V. HEDEEN

years later graduated from the University of Chicago.

Rev. Hedeen has done splendid work in the Swedish Baptist church in Evanston. There has been progress both spiritually and financially during his pastorate, a large part of the church debt having been paid off and more than one hundred members added to the congregation.

He has served as vice-president of the Swedish Baptist Young People's Union of America. Mr. Frithiof Hedeen has recently left the ministry, and has now established himself as a jeweler at 1595 35th street.

In 1897 Mr. Hedeen was married to Miss Emma Olson, a union which has been blessed with two sons.

JOHN A. WALGREN

was born at Danville, Ill., Feb. 9, 1870. He was graduated from the elementary school in Oskarshamn with highest honors in 1884; from the Minneapolis high school in 1889, and from the Minnesota State University College of Law in 1891, whereupon he entered the law offices of Hon. John P. Rea and Eli Torrance. He engaged in the practice of law, being admitted to the Supreme Courts of Minnesota and Illinois.

In the campaign of 1900, Mr. Walgren toured Nebraska as speaker for the National Republican Committee the members of which in a letter to him highly commended his work "on the firing line."

He has devoted some of his time to literature and occult studies, being the author and publisher of the periodical, *Golden Youth*.

Mr. Walgren is the founder of the Prentice Mulford Club in the Auditorium Building, and is manager at 5507 Indiana ave.

CHARLES L. SWANSON,

born Oct. 31, 1870, is a native Chicagoan. With a foundation laid in the public schools, he acquired a legal education at the Law School of the Lake Forest University, and, upon being admitted to practice, established a law office. At present, Mr. Swanson holds the position of assistant trial attorney in the City Attorney's office.

Mr. Swanson is identified with a number of orders and fraternal societies. He is commander of the Norden Tent; chaplain of the John C. Fremont Council, National Union; president of the Lincoln Singing Club; member of the K. O. L. M., and of the 26th Ward Republican Club.

Jan. 9, 1895, Mr. Swanson was married to Miss Millie Hegberg.

CHARLES S. PETERSON,

proprietor of the Peterson Linotype Company, and silent partner



CHARLES S. PETERSON

in the Regan Printing Company, was born at Daglösen, Vermland, Sweden, Aug. 29, 1873. At the age of fourteen he came to Chicago, where he was first employed on the Swedish weekly newspaper, *Hemlandet*. In 1888 he went west, stayed in Colorado for some time and then proceeded to California. Subsequently he made a trip to the Sandwich Islands, returning to California after two years. In 1895 he came back to Chicago and became linotype operator for the weekly *Svenska Amerikanaren*, continuing in that position until 1899, which year he organized the Peterson Linotype Company, at present the largest concern of its kind in Chicago.

In 1901 Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Thyra Hjertquist, daughter of Gabriel Hjertquist, the veteran foreman of the typographical department of *Svenska Amerikanaren*.

ANDERS HESSEL,

grand secretary of the Independent Order of Vikings, was born Jan. 22, 1872. His father, Edward Hessel, who was a sailor, died in 1904. After obtaining an



ANDERS HESSEL

education in a public academy and a manual training school in Sweden, Mr. Hessel emigrated to the United States in 1890 and lo-

cated in Chicago the following year.

After coming to this country he supplemented his education by a course in a business college. For twelve years he was in the employ of Marshall Field & Company, as salesman in the wholesale upholstery department.

He is a member of Brage Lodge No. 2 of the Independent Order of Vikings, and was elected secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Order in 1905. Mr. Hessel also belongs to the Orpheus Singing Club.

ANDROV CARLSON

was born May 9, 1854, on the Tommared estate, Karl Gustaf



ANDROV CARLSON

parish, Vestergötland. His parents, Carl and Anna Britta Johanson, were farmer folk who died on the old estate. The son emigrated in 1880, landing at Philadelphia and proceeded to Chicago. Becoming restless, he spent three years in various parts of the country, but finally returned to Chicago, where he has since resided. Mr. Carlson obtained employment at the Deering Harvester Works and later with various electrical appliance companies, such as the Chicago Telephone Company.

In company with Alfred Stromberg he formed the Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Company, which was incorporated in 1895. In June, 1901, the firm purchased the seven story factory building located at the corner of Jackson and Clinton streets, which, together with the adjoining four story building which had been previously acquired, gave them superior facilities for meeting the increasing demand for their products. The firm employed 1,200 men and had a business of over $200,000 a month. In 1903 the business was consolidated with several eastern concerns. In 1906 the company had increased its capital to $20,000,000 and now employs 2,500 men, truly a marvelous growth from a small beginning.

Mr. Carlson has retired from the telephone business and is now treasurer of the Goldberg Motor Car Devices Mfg. Co. at 1253 Michigan ave. and is still associated with his old partner, Alfred Stromberg.

Mr. Carlson was in 1886 married to Christine Hillstrom, with whom he has had eight children, of which three boys and two girls are still living. The family re-

sides in an elegant home at 2693 Sheridan Road.

PETRUS SWARTZ,

clergyman of the Swedish Baptist Church, was born April 13, 1860,



PETRUS SWARTZ

in Ousby parish, Skåne, Sweden. At sixteen years of age he joined the Göta Life Guards, passed the subaltern officer's examination with the highest honors and resigned from the regiment in 1882. While in the military service he became a member of the First Baptist Church of Stockholm.

Desirous of serving the church as a preacher, he entered the Bethel Seminary at Stockholm, taking a course of theological instruction there until 1885, when he left for the United States.

Coming to Chicago, he was in charge of the Englewood church and of the Fourth Swedish Baptist Church for a time and then continued his divinity studies at the Morgan Park seminary, graduating in 1889. He now served the churches in Rockford, Ill., and Omaha, Neb., before returning to Chicago as pastor of the Lake View church in 1898. In 1907 Rev. Mr. Swartz assumed the pastorate of the Swedish Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1895 Rev. Swartz was elected secretary of the General Conference and in that capacity edited the yearbook of the Swedish Baptist churches for several years following. He also has served as chairman of the executive committee of the Illinois Conference and as a member of a committee to edit a new Swedish Baptist hymnal, published some years ago.

CARL GUSTAF NORMAN,

editor of *Svenska Tribunen-Nyheter*, was born Oct. 19, 1861, at Täf-



CARL GUSTAF NORMAN

velsås, Småland, Sweden. He worked for a time as assistant to

a surveyor before emigrating in 1879. The same year he entered Augustana College and pursued studies, with intervals, until 1890, when he was graduated from the theological seminary and ordained minister of the Augustana Synod. In 1882–83 he was instructor at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, and in 1887–88 edited *Framåt*, a weekly newspaper, published in that town.

Mr. Norman entered upon his ministerial career as pastor in Centerville, R. I., and Willimantic, Conn. After a year he assumed a charge in Providence, R. I., where he edited a weekly paper, *Framåt*, 1892–95, having resigned his pastorate. He subsequently resumed preaching as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Jersey City, but again exchanged the pulpit for the editorial chair in 1897 when he left the ministry and became editor of *Polstjernan*, a new journalistic enterprise in Brooklyn. He worked on different papers for a time and in 1899 became editor-in-chief of *Svea*, a weekly newspaper in Worcester, Mass. Mr. Norman left Worcester in 1906, and came to Chicago, assuming a corresponding position with *Svenska-Tribunen-Nyheter*.

Norman possesses a poetic talent above the average versifier. In the early '80s he began to write verse for the papers and has continued cultivating that form of literature to the present. Culled from the indifferent mass of his poetic productions, his best poems would make a meritorious collection.

WALFRID JOHNSON

was born in Sweden, March 22, 1874, and spent his boyhood days



WALFRID JOHNSON

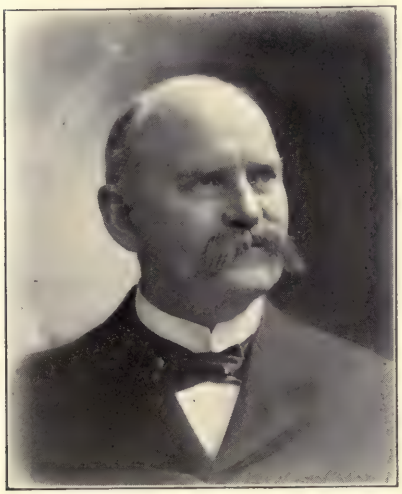
on his father's farm in Rudskoga parish, Vermland. After finishing the course offered in the public school, he decided to train himself for a mercantile career. With a few dollars in his pocket, he set out for the nearest city. He entered the Karlskrona manual training school, from the mercantile department of which he graduated with honor in 1893. The same year he emigrated and at once settled in Chicago, where he has since resided. He secured a position in the wholesale department of Marshall Field and Co., where he was employed until ten years ago, when he accepted a position with the Stern Clothing Company. He left the service of

this house to join with the Lindsten Clothing Co., 1713 North Clark st., as a member of the firm.

Mr. Johnson belongs to the Free Masons, Odd Fellows, Foresters and the Vikings. He is also a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church, Lake View.

A. E. G. WINGÅRD,

one of the proprietors of the Swedish weekly *Svenska Amerikanaren*,



A. EDWIN G. WINGÅRD

was born Sept, 26, 1841, in Småland, Sweden, at Marieholms bruk, a large manufacturing establishment owned by his father, A. Wingård. In addition to a common school preparation, the son attended the Jönköping elementary school or college, which he left before completing the course to assume the duties of bookkeeper in his father's establishment. The year 1867 was one of great financial depression in Sweden, and emigration to the United States assumed unprecedented proportions. Young Wingård followed the westward current across the Atlantic and located in Princeton, Ill. He was employed in a dry goods store in that city for the next five years. In 1872 he came from Princeton to Chicago. Two years later he secured employment as a salesman in the Marshall Field retail establishment and remained with this house for eight years. His subsequent employment was that of advertising solicitor for *Svenska Amerikanaren*. In 1884 he purchased from Gabriel Hjertquist the stock in the newspaper, owned by him, and since 1888, when F. A. Lindstrand purchased the majority of the stock, the two have been joint proprietors and publishers.

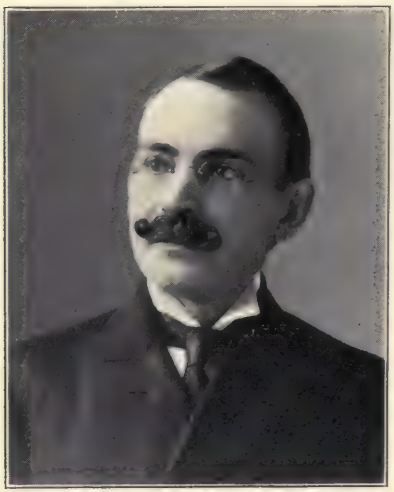
Mr. Wingård is affiliated with no organizations other than the Swedish Glee Club.

Sept. 16, 1897, Mr. Wingård was married to Miss Olivia Swanson of Chicago. Mrs. Wingård is a native of St. Charles, Ill. The couple live comfortably at 1270 Sheridan road.

NILS A. NELSON,

president of the Scandia Life Insurance Company of Chicago and secretary of the Svea Loan and Building Ass'n, came to America in 1881 from Halland, Sweden. He was born in Hvalinge Jan. 15, 1860, his father being Borge Nilsson, who still lives on the old farm.

After about four years in this country, Mr. Nelson entered the Metropolitan Business College of



NILS A. NELSON

Chicago, where he spent fifteen months in preparing for commercial life. In the fall of 1886 he obtained a position with a large Board of Trade firm, where he continued for about ten years, most of the time having charge of the grain receiving department. In 1893 the Svea Building and Loan Association was organized and Mr. Nelson was elected president and in 1896 secretary of the association. Resigning his position with the Board of Trade firm, he has since made Svea one of the most solid financial institutions in Chicago. Mr. Nelson also deals in real estate, loans and insurance, and has been treasurer and is now president of Scandia Life Insurance Company, having been elected to the latter office in April, 1905. He was the virtual organizer of the Chicago Cemetery Association and has constantly served as its secretary.

While a thorough American at heart, Mr. Nelson takes pride in his origin and retains a warm love for the mother country. He is ever ready to further the interests of his fellow-countrymen, in business, in politics and in church affairs.

As a member of the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran Church in Englewood, he has held a place on its board of deacons for ten years past, and served for three years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

His marriage to Adelia H. M. Olson, daughter of Herman Olson, dry goods merchant, took place April 30, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson's children are Byron Le Roy, born 1897, Norman A., born 1901, and Stanley Everett, born 1905.

G. EDWIN SANDSTEDT

was born April 17, 1876, at Gowrie, Webster co., Iowa, where his father was a farmer. Young Sandstedt attended the public schools of that state until he was fifteen years old. In the year 1892 he moved with the family to Kansas, where they engaged in farming and stock raising. He attended the public schools of that state and in 1899 came to Chicago.

Entering the Teachers' Review School, he graduated in the spring of 1900, and subsequently attended night school at the Harvey Medical College. In 1900 he took an

agency with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, was promoted to the position of assistant local



G. EDWIN SANDSTEDT

superintendent and remained with that company until 1902.

The last few years Mr. Sandstedt has devoted to the study of medicine, completing his course at the National Medical University in the spring of 1907. His office is at 1741 N. Clark st.

ALECK E. JOHNSON,

publisher of *Gamla och Nya Hemlandet*, was born July 29, 1840, in Karlskoga, Vermland, Sweden. He came to America in 1854 with his parents. The whole family became affected with the then prevalent cholera epidemic, and the father died soon after the train pulled into Chicago. The rest of the family were taken to the hospital and later assisted by an American family. Aleck had four years' schooling at Mt. Carroll Seminary in Mt. Carroll, Ill., and then began the battle of life.

About thirty years ago Mr. Johnson went to St. Paul in the capacity of commissioner of emigration for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway. In 1883 he organized the firm of A. E. Johnson & Co., land and immigration agents, at St. Paul. Since that time, the firm of A. E. Johnson Company has established headquarters at Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Seattle, Boston and New York City, Mr. Johnson remaining at the head of the firm. For the past fifteen years, Mr. Johnson has made New York his headquarters, where he is the general



ALECK E. JOHNSON

passenger agent for the Scandinavian-American Line.

His career as a publisher began in 1891, when Mr. Johnson purchased an interest in the *Gamla och Nya Hemlandet*, forming the firm of Johnson & Söderholm.

Five years later he bought his partner's share and formed the present Hemlandet Co.

In 1905, Mr. Johnson bought an interest in the only Swedish newspaper published at New York City, the *Nordstjernan*.

Mr. Johnson is the Swedish consul in New York, and has been an instrument of much good to Scandinavian immigrants. In recognition of this fact he was decorated by King Oscar II. with the order of Vasa, and in 1906 was awarded the decoration of the order of Dannebrog by King Fredrik of Denmark. In 1907 he was given the degree of LL. D. by Upsala College, Orange, N. J.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the council of the Swedish-American Historical Society and chairman of its finance committee, chairman of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce of New York, vice-president of the Scandinavian Sailors' Temperance Home in Brooklyn and a trustee of the Swedish hospital in Brooklyn.

E. BERNHARD CHRISTOPHER was born April 22, 1866, at Domnarfvet, Dalarne, Sweden. After obtaining a fundamental education he emigrated in 1886 and made his home in Chicago. He engaged in the manufacture of bicycles and, later, of automobiles. The Christopher Bros. establishment is at 1049 Sheffield ave., where is built the "Triumph," a self-starting car of 30 horsepower. General machine work and repairing is also done at the place.

Mr. Christopher has been a member of the Apollo Musical Club for several years. The experience thus gained has been put to good use, for he has been the choirmaster of the Swedish Baptist Church in Lake View since 1889 and has drilled more than one Handel chorus with his choir.



E. BERNHARD CHRISTOPHER

Mr. Christopher was married in September, 1887, to Miss Carolina Borggren. Their children are: Richard B., born 1888; Magnhild C., 1890; Gerald E., 1892; Elmer J., 1895, and Herbert, 1897.

OLANDER E. WALD, physician and surgeon, was born of Swedish parents in Bagn, Norway, Sept. 7, 1868. His father was a timber dealer in Östersund, doing business on both sides of the boundary line between Sweden and Norway. He came to the United States when the son was four years of age, settling at

Grand Forks, N. D., whence the family removed to Willapa, Wash., in 1878. The son later returned to



OLANDER E. WALD

Grand Forks to study. The high school course completed, he entered the University of Minnesota, but interrupted his studies to become agent for Northern Pacific lands in the state of Washington. In 1894 Mr. Wald entered the medical department of the University of Illinois and graduated with high honors in 1898. Dr. Wald's first appointment was that of field surgeon of the Scandinavian regiment organized in Minneapolis for service in the war with Spain, but which did not take the field, owing to the sudden termination of the eventful war. Subsequently Dr. Wald did post-graduate work for two years at Johns Hopkins University under Dr. Osler. During the second year he was in charge of the dispensary of the university. In June, 1901, he was appointed interne at Augustana Hospital, serving until December, 1903. Soon after, he was made surgeon-in-chief of the Bethesda and Lincoln Park hospitals.

In June, 1905, Dr. Wald and others founded the Lake View Hospital at 1728 Belmont ave., an institution headed by him in the capacity of chief surgeon.

In 1906, Dr. Wald was appointed professor of surgery at the Jenner Medical College.

He is a member of the Chicago Medical Society, of the Illinois State Medical Society and the Scandinavian Medical Society of Chicago; also member and examining physician of the Thor and Vega societies and of various lodges of the Independent Orders of Svithiod, Vikings and Maccabees, of the Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Royal Arcanum.

Dr. Wald is affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

HARRY OLSON,

Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of Chicago, was born in Chicago Aug. 4, 1867. His father, Olof G. Olson, was a stone mason and bricklayer, who was born in Filipstad, Vermland. The mother, Clara C. Olson, was born at Sockholm. The family came to Chicago in 1865. When the son was three years old, the family removed to Kansas, where the father died nine years later. The family then returned to this state, to Win-

nebago county, where Mr. Olson was graduated from the Pecatonica high school in 1885. He



HARRY OLSON

subsequently taught school for two years in Kansas, and became principal of the public schools of St. Mary's, Kansas, in 1887. He studied at Washburne College, Topeka, for a like period and later entered Union College of Law in Chicago, completing the course and being admitted to the bar in 1891. He was engaged in the general practice of law for the next five years and in 1896 was appointed assistant state's attorney under Charles S. Deneen. He remained in that office for ten years, having been twice reappointed. The first important case that Mr. Olson conducted in Chicago was the trial of Moran and Healy, charged with the killing of Swan Nelson, in which case he was associated with Luther Laflin Mills for the prosecution.

During the time that Mr. Olson was assistant state's attorney of Cook county he was entrusted with the conduct of many of the most important cases prosecuted in that office, some of which attracted national attention. On account of the publicity given to the great trials held in the criminal court of Cook county, which, because of its extensive jurisdiction, is one of the greatest criminal tribunals in the world, Mr. Olson's eminent service in that court made him widely known and gave him national reputation as a barrister.

Mr. Olson's last and one of his greatest services to the people in his capacity of assistant state's attorney consisted in apprehending in Morocco and returning to the state of Illinois the fugitive bank looter, Paul O. Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Ave. State Bank, and procuring his conviction and sentence to a term in the state penitentiary. It may be added that Mr. Olson materially assisted Mr. Deneen in creating the so-called "Bankers' Row" in that institution.

When in 1906 Chicago abolished the justice court and constable system and established in its stead the Municipal Court, the new system, to be an improvement on the old, required men of higher legal standing and better records than the average justice of the peace. Each of the two dominant parties looked about for a man particularly well qualified for the position of Chief Justice of the twenty-seven branches of the new

court, and the Republicans selected as their candidate Harry Olson, who was elected Nov. 6, 1906, with a plurality of 31,000 over the opposing candidates, one a Republican, the other a Democrat, a jurist of local eminence. As the directing head of this important branch of the judicial system of Chicago, Mr. Olson holds one of the foremost offices in the city. The Municipal Court of Chicago is the largest court in the state in the number of judges and the volume of business transacted.

In 1891 Mr. Olson was married to Miss Berenice Miller of Pecatonica, Ill. They have three children, Harry, Sanford and Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson attend the Presbyterian Church.

JOHANNA E. T. DAHLGREN, superintendent of nurses at the Swedish - American Hospital in Englewood, is a native of Chicago, having been born there Dec. 20, 1875, the daughter of Peter Magnus Dahlgren and Ingrid Christina, née Swenson. The family lived for a number of years at Des Moines, Ia., where she received her early education, afterward attending high school in Chicago and studying at Augustana College. At the latter institution she completed the normal course and subsequently continued her studies for two years in the college department.

In 1901 Miss Dahlgren entered the Augustana Hospital Training School for Nurses, graduating after two years. Later she did post-graduate work at the Chicago Lying-in Hospital. For one year, 1903–04, she held the position of



JOHANNA EMILIA THERESIA DAHLGREN

acting superintendent of the Blessing Hospital at Quincy, Ill., and the next year was head nurse of the maternity department of the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago. From there Miss Dahlgren was called as superintendent of the Englewood Hospital, which position she occupies at the present time.

Miss Dahlgren is an alumna of the Augustana Hospital, and a member of the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses and of the Superintendents' Society of Illinois.

She is a Lutheran in faith and a member of the Bethlehem Church of Englewood. Her home is at 6754 Yale ave.

JOHN J. ERICKSON,

proprietor of a number of restaurants in different parts of the city,



JOHN JACOB ERICKSON

was born at Fensbol, Vermland, Sweden, Jan. 14, 1865. He was brought to the United States at the age of three, when the family emigrated in 1868. They settled at Dassel, Minn., where Mr. Erickson lived until reaching the age of fifteen years. He then went to work in the printing office of a local newspaper in Grove City.

In 1883, together with Lambert Gisslow and C. E. Peterson, he began the publication of a newspaper named *Svenska Folkets Allehanda* at Litchfield, Minn., but retired from this company a year later. From 1886 to 1889 he worked as a compositor on various Swedish newspapers in Minneapolis. The latter year he organized a company, composed of Hjalmar Bergman, Gudmund Åkermark, Oliver Skone, Otto Oberg and himself, for the publication at Minneapolis of *Nya Verlden*. In 1890 he secured a position as a compositor on the Minneapolis *Times*, remaining until 1896, when he came to Chicago and worked at the linotype machine for four years, first for John Linden and later in the establishment of the Peterson Linotype Company.

Changing his occupation in 1900, he engaged in the restaurant business at the suggestion of his wife, who excelled in the art of cooking. They opened a restaurant at 130 N. Clark st., and succeeded so well in the venture that they soon added a second, located at No. 8 So. Clark st. Then followed a third, a fourth, a fifth and a sixth eating house in their respective locations, viz., 230 N. Clark st., 234 Wells st., 88 East Thirty-ninth st., and 428 E. North ave. The average number of persons served per day in the six restaurants Mr. Erickson estimates at 3,000.

The marriage of Mr. Erickson took place at Minneapolis Oct. 20, 1897. His wife, who was Miss Carolina Erikson, is also a native of Fensbol, where she was born July 14, 1867.

Mr. Erickson affiliates with no fraternal or social associations, his business occupying his entire time. In the summer of 1907, however, he took a vacation trip back to the land of his birth.

GUSTAF CARLSON

was born June 8, 1863, on the Donshults estate, Urshult parish,

Småland. His father died when the boy was two years old. The family moved the next year to



GUSTAF CARLSON

Karlshamn, where Gustaf, after his school career, learned the cigarmaker's trade. At sixteen he became a sailor and shipped several times to the East Indies and China. On one voyage he stopped at Capetown, South Africa, where he worked as a cigarmaker. In 1883 he shipped again, bound for New York. He did not remain there, but soon went to Buffalo, and finally to Chicago. Here he shipped on the great lakes for a season, and then resumed his trade. After nine years he began a business of his own. A few years ago he moved his factory to 172 N. 48th ave., Moreland.

Mr. Carlson is a member of I. O. S., Lodge No. 1, I. O. V., Odin Lodge No. 8, and the Swedish society Kronan.

Mr. Carlson was married in 1887 to Hilda Holm from Karlshamn. They have two sons and one daughter.

OLOF HEDEEN,

minister of the Swedish Baptist Church and professor of exegesis and homiletics at the Swedish department of the Union Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, was born at Undersåker, in the province of Jemtland, Sweden, June 19, 1860. He began his studies at a collegiate school in Östersund when sixteen years old. At seventeen, having been converted and filled with a desire to enter the holy ministry, he took up studies at the Fjellstedt School in Upsala,



OLOF HEDEEN

where the college course was completed, and afterwards studied exegetical theology and Greek literature at the Upsala University until 1883. Thereupon he was licensed by the archbishop of Sweden to preach and conduct services

in the State Church. Hedeen, however, had conscientious scruples concerning certain institutions and practices of the State Church. Thinking that the Lutheran Church in America might be more evangelical, he emigrated the same year with a view to entering its service. Most of his near relatives had preceded him across the Atlantic. Soon after his arrival in this country he assumed charge of the Swedish Lutheran Church in New Sweden, Maine, then belonging to a German Lutheran synod. In 1885, after having passed a satisfactory examination at the Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island, he was ordained as a minister in the Augustana Synod at its annual meeting in Rockford. Having accepted a call to the Swedish Lutheran Church of Manchester, N. H., he served there until 1890, during which time the membership of the church largely increased and a new edifice was built. Part of the time Rev. Hedeen served as secretary of the New York Conference of the Augustana Synod and was associate editor of *Österns Väktare* and Eastern correspondent of *Augustana och Missionären*.

In 1890 Rev. Hedeen withdrew from the Lutheran Church and joined the Baptist denomination, becoming a member of the Tremont Temple Church in Boston through baptism. Subsequently he served as pastor of the First Swedish Baptist Church of Brooklyn for six years, meeting with remarkable success. In that short period he baptized 237 persons and received altogether 570 new members into the church. In the meantime a new church edifice, known as the Swedish Tabernacle, was erected at a cost of $32,000.

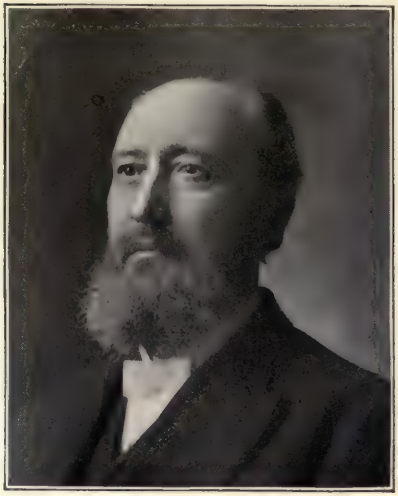
In 1895 Rev. Hedeen was tendered the chair of exegetical theology in the Swedish department of the divinity school of the Chicago University at Morgan Park, but declined the call. The following year he was again offered the position, which he then accepted and still holds, being also professor of homiletics and Swedish literature.

During the past years Rev. Hedeen has done a considerable amount of literary work, translating several books into the Swedish language and rendering a number of hymns and other verse into the same tongue. He has been a frequent contributor to newspapers, periodicals and other publications, both in Sweden and America, and has preached and lectured in many parts of the United States.

CARL G. LAGERGREN,

dean of the Swedish Theological Seminary in Morgan Park, was born June 21, 1846, in Östersund, Jemtland, Sweden. At two years of age he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Lagergren of Indal, near relations, who for fourteen years gave the boy care and support. At thirteen he was enrolled at the lower elementary school of Sundsvall. On Whitsunday, 1862,

he was converted to the Baptist faith through a sermon preached by J. A. Hanner in the old Bap-



CARL G. LAGERGREN

tist chapel at Sundsvall. The change of religious belief cost the boy his home and maintenance, and at the age of sixteen he was thrown on his own resources. By securing a private tutorship he was enabled to complete his course. Having graduated in 1865 from the academy at Sundsvall, he was enrolled the same year at the higher elementary school, or college, of Östersund, completing his collegiate course in four years.

After a year's teaching in a private family, Lagergren in 1870 became assistant teacher of Swedish, Latin and Natural Science in the Sundsvall Academy. After another year he entered Upsala University and mapped out a course of study, leading to the degree of Ph. D., including anthropology and history of philosophy under the noted Pontus Wikner.

The struggling little Baptist church in Upsala, which had been reorganized in 1869 by J. A. Edgren—also noted in the history of Swedish - American Baptists — in 1871 called Lagergren as its pastor. He accepted the charge and after the first three years gave up his university studies to give all his time and energy to the work in the church. The result of twelve years of earnest labor in this field was shown in an increase in membership from fifty to about three hundred.

In 1873 Rev. Lagergren became editor of *Evangelisten*, the first Baptist paper in Sweden, at the request of Rev. Wiberg, its founder. After ten years it was succeeded by *Svärdet och Murslefven*, (Sword and Trowel,) which was published by Lagergren up to 1889. He was editor and publisher of *Predikaren*, a religious monthly, in 1878–81. For two years, 1876–8, he also edited a temperance paper, entitled *Svenska Nykterhetsvännernas Tidning*. There was a lively temperance movement on foot in Sweden at the time, and Lagergren was one of its most active promoters. He traveled extensively in central and Northern Sweden giving temperance lectures and organizing so-called absolutist societies. Meanwhile he published a number of lectures and treatises on temperance and religious topics. His activity as a temperance worker caused him to be made a candidate for the riksdag for the

city of Upsala, and at the election a considerable number of votes were cast for him.

In 1883 Rev. Lagergren received a call from the Baptist church of Sundsvall, which had been torn by recent dissensions. On the advice of a number of leading Baptists Lagergren accepted the call.

On June 21 of that year Rev. Lagergren was joined in marriage to Selma Kristina Konstantia Westerlund of Strängnäs, a school teacher who had to give up teaching upon embracing the Baptist faith.

The following October Rev. Lagergren assumed the pastorate in Sundsvall, continuing in charge until 1889, the year after the destruction of the city by fire.

The General Conference of the Swedish Baptist Church of America at their meeting in Chicago in 1888 issued a second call to Rev. Lagergren to become dean of the divinity school in Morgan Park. In response, he came over in the spring of 1889 and, after spending the summer on a tour of the principal Baptist churches in the United States, entered upon his educational duties the following September. At this post Rev. Lagergren, through his learning and devotion to his church, continues to exercise an influence broad and deep on the Swedish Baptist denomination.

Rev. Lagergren is professor of Dogmatics, Ethics and Philosophical Propedeutics in the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary of which he has been dean for the past 18 years. He is the author of several books on theological subjects, principally the following- "Om försoningen," "Små barns dop" and "Nytt och gammalt." He has written a textbook in dogmatics, published in two volumes, aud another in pastoral theology in one volume. He is also the author of a history of philosophy, not yet published.

Rev. Lagergren has served as chairman of the executive board of the Swedish General Conference for a term of years, and was successively elected president of the Conference until 1907. From 1891 to '93 he served as pastor of the Swedish Baptist Church of Englewood, of which he is still a member. He has been twice elected chairman of the Swedish-American Historical Society, organized in 1905. The title of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Lagergren by the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1907.

Rev. and Mrs. Lagergren's marital union has been blessed with eight children, three of whom are dead. Those living are, Zelma Maria Christina Eufrosyne, Gustav Petrus Constantin, Sigrid Anna Emma Carolina, Selma Gustafva Elisabet and Anna Constantia.

HENRY O. LINDEBLAD,

minister of the Swedish Lutheran Church, was born March 7, 1845, in Bohus län, Sweden. At the age of thirteen he entered the Göteborg college, where he studied for several years. His parents being poor, he suffered

great privations while studying. In 1866 he came to America and at once entered Augustana Theo-



HENRY O. LINDEBLAD

logical Seminary at Paxton, Ill. He was ordained a minister of the Augustana Synod June 20, 1869, and was at once engaged by the mission board and stationed at Campello, Mass. He reorganized the congregation and built a church there, and then went to Boston, where he organized a new congregation.

In 1871 Lindeblad removed to Chandler's Valley, Pa. Here he had under his care two congregations and a dozen mission stations in Warren, McKean and adjacent counties. For several years he served as a member of the board of education of Warren county and as president of the New York Conference.

In 1879 he accepted a call from the Swedish Lutheran church at Moline, Ill., where he labored for thirteen years. He was for the same length of time a member of the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary and was successively secretary and president of that body. He was also a member of the Augustana Synod's board of missions and for nine years was a member of the board of directors of the Moline public library.

For a year after leaving his charge in Moline, the Rev. Mr. Lindeblad worked in Grand Crossing, Chicago, as a home missionary.. During this time a church was erected there. He then became pastor of the Elim Swedish Lutheran Church of Pullman and remained there four and a half years.

The Rev. Mr. Lindeblad next served for several years at Augustana Hospital, Chicago, as chaplain and solicitor. After about five years' service in that capacity Rev. Lindeblad, in 1903, accepted a call to the Swedish Ev. Lutheran Church at La Grange, Ill., his present charge.

Rev. and Mrs. Lindeblad have a family of grown children, one son, Luther, being an attorney at law, and a daughter, Alma, a teacher in the public schools.

HJALMAR J. LIND

was born March 24, 1864, in Knätte, Elfsborgs län, Sweden. While living with his father, Joseph Abramson, on the Halmåkra farm in Liared, he had the schooling of the ordinary farmer

boy. In 1882 he left home, emigrating to America. Here he was for eight years employed in the grocery business. In 1890 he became a partner in the firm of Sahlen & Burkross, hardware dealers, buying out Mr. Sahlen and changing the style of the firm to Lind & Burkross. In 1898 Mr. Lind became sole owner of the business, which is still carried on under the name of Lind & Burkross at 134 Oak st.

Mr. Lind was married in 1891 to Miss Hulda Erika Burkross. They have five children, four sons and one daughter.

Mr. Lind belongs to the Swedish Mission Church, where he has held the offices of trustee and treasurer.

HJALMAR C. LUNDQUIST

was born at the Bofors mills in Karlskoga, Sweden, Oct. 11, 1883. He is the son of K. J. F. Lundquist, foreman at the Falu Wagon and Machine Works at Falun, and his wife, Hulda Serafia Wennerblad. The parents came to Chicago in 1886 and returned to Sweden ten years later. In this city the son attended the common schools, and in Sweden he studied at the academic school in Arboga and the public college in Örebro, completing the course there in the spring of 1905. The following October he returned to Chicago. After two months he obtained a position with *Svenska Tribunen* as associate editor, remaining until June, 1906. During the next few months he was similarly connected with *Chicago-Bladet*. Having worked for a short time in the draughting room of



HJALMAR CARL LUNDQUIST

the National Coal Dump Car Co., he returned to his former position with *Tribunen*, now consolidated with *Svenska Nyheter*, but left in December, 1907, to take a position with *Hemlandet*.

Mr. Lundquist is a member of the First Swedish Lodge No. 479, I. O. O. F., the Verdandi Lodge No. 3, I. O. S., and was one of the organizers of the Swedish Chess Club.

JOHN A. SODERSTROM

was born in Chicago Oct. 10, 1872. After attending the public school he entered upon a business life, at the same time continuing private studies. He is a member of the firm of Soderstrom Brothers, located at 141–143 So. Clinton st., where they manufacture sample cards and sample book specialties.

The firm also deals in neckwear manufacturers' supplies.

Mr. Soderstrom is a member of the Second Swedish Methodist Church.

AXEL T. CARLSON

was born on the farm of his father, Nils Johan Karlsson, in the



AXEL THEODORE CARLSON

parish of Misterhult, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 10, 1875. His father subsequently engaged in the shipping trade, owning two sloops and holding part interest in a schooner. Equipped with a common school education, young Carlson came to this country with his father in 1888. They located in Axtell, Neb., and went to farming. After spending two and one-half years in that vocation, the son went to Omaha in 1890 and secured a situation as office boy with the Omaha *Svenska Tribun*. Subsequently Mr. Carlson was for eleven years in the art business, as local salesman and traveling representative of art dealers in Omaha, Milwaukee and Chicago, including more than four years as traveling salesman for L. M. Johnson, wholesale art dealer of Chicago. In 1896–97 he was connected with *Hemlandet* as traveling agent. In 1904 he again entered the service of that newspaper, this time in the capacity of advertising manager, a position still held by him.

When Mr. Carlson left his father's farm he was thrown entirely on his own resources and has since had his own way to make. The elder Karlsson, not satisfied with his experiment in American agriculture, returned after a few years to the old country.

CARL O. F. BURKSTROM

is a native of Stockholm, Sweden, where he was born July 4, 1852. He emigrated to this country in 1869 and was employed as a clothing salesman until 1884, when he secured a position as a commercial traveler, traversing the country from coast to coast and from Winnipeg to New Orleans. In 1892 Mr. Burkstrom engaged in the sale of woolens and ladies' dress goods at wholesale, continuing until 1897, when the firm of Trieloff & Burkstrom was forced to suspend on account of the depressed business conditions. He is now the sole distributor for the United States and Canada of a proprietary article known as "Himalaya Tonic," an employ-

ment in which he has been engaged for several years.

Mr. Burkstrom is a 32d degree



CARL OSCAR F. BURKSTROM

Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

CARL AXEL COLSTROM

was born near Göteborg, Sweden, March 23, 1866. His father, Carl Johan Colström, was a miller in the old country and later followed the carpenter's trade until he emigrated and settled near Osage City, Kans., when he engaged in agriculture. He helped to organize the Swedish Lutheran Church at Osage City, and has always been one of its leaders and most faithful members. He is now living in the city as a retired farmer and is the oldest living pioneer of that place.

The son, Carl A. Colstrom, was reared on the farm and attended the district school. In 1884 he was sent to Bethany Academy, the forerunner of Bethany College, at Lindsborg, Kans., and there took a two years' course of study. In 1886 he went to Augustana College at Rock Island, Ill., and graduated with the class of '92 from that institution.

For the next three years Mr. Colstrom held the position of principal of the Avon township schools, in Baraga county, Mich. While there he was local reporter for the Detroit *Evening News*. This first experience in newspaper work led to direct connection with other newspapers, and for the next four years he was attached in a business and editorial capacity to *Nya Pressen* of Moline, Ill., and *Minnesota Stats Tidning* of St. Paul, Minn., both Swedish weeklies.

Mr. Colstrom in 1899 accepted a position as traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Atlantic service, with headquarters at Minneapolis. In January, 1904, he was appointed assistant general passenger and ticket agent of the same line at Chicago. A year later he left the service of the Canadian Pacific to become manager of the Chicago office of the Theo. F. Koch Land Company, and is the local representative of that firm at the present time, with office at 1025 Unity Building, 79 Dearborn st.

HANS A. LEAFGREN

was born Sept. 8, 1866, in Farhult, Skåne, Sweden. His father, Anders Löfgren, was a farmer and

builder. The son attended public school until the age of fifteen, when he emigrated to this country, with Garfield, Minn., as his destination. After living there a year, he moved to Fergus Falls, Minn., and went to work as a mason. As a journeyman mason he worked at his trade in St. Paul, Omaha and Denver. In 1892 Mr. Leafgren went to Chicago and began taking contracts for masonry work. In the meantime he took a commercial course in one of the business colleges. At present he has an extensive business in Chicago and in the country.

Mr. Leafgren is a member of the Masonic order.

In 1891, while in Denver, he was married to Miss Julia Räf from the province of Vestmanland, Sweden. They have a son, Roy Walter.

JOHN BENDIX,

minister of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church and financial agent of the Bethany Home, is a native of Småland, Sweden, born in Färgaryd Aug. 13, 1849. At the age of fourteen he lost his father, Sven Anderson, by death, his mother having passed away eleven years prior. As a youth he went to Stockholm and was for a number of years employed in the home of his cousin, Carl Johan Jehander, the well-known Swedish railway builder.

In 1872 he came to the United States, and spent the next few years in Dover, N. J. His rearing and early education had been of a Christian character, and in Stockholm the earnest preaching



JOHN BENDIX

of Rev. Beskow had impressed him deeply. In 1873 he experienced a definite change of heart and was among the first to join the Swedish M. E. Church in Dover at its organization. In response to an inward call to enter the service of the church, he entered the theological seminary upon recommendation in 1876. The same year he preached his first sermon, which rendered him a few kind words of commendation and encouragement by the well-known Captain Lindgren. In 1878 he was accepted into the Conference on probation, and two years later became a member in full connection. He was ordained deacon in 1878, by Bishop Merrill, and elder in 1880, by Bishop Peck. Subsequently he was pastor at Moline two years, at Andover three years,

and, after having served the church at Bishop Hill for two years, was appointed presiding elder of the Burlington district in 1887, and filled that office for the next six years. In 1893 he was transferred to the Second Swedish M. E. Church of Chicago and had charge until 1896, when he accepted the position of financial agent for the Bethany Home, a retreat for the aged. Rev. Bendix has given eleven years of service to this institution and still remains at its head.

Rev. Bendix was married Oct. 6, 1880, to Alma Mathilda Danielson of Oakland, Neb. She was born on the same date twenty years before. Of seven children born to them, three are living. The eldest son, Vincent, born Aug. 10, 1881, is president of the Bendix Co. of Cragin, automobile manufacturers, and is himself the patentee of a power transmission arrangement known as the "turn friction system." The shop employs thirty workmen. The daughter, Esther Virginia. born May 3, 1883, is a teacher in the Chicago public schools. The second son, Ernest Oliver, born Oct. 10, 1885, was graduated in 1907 from the Northwestern University with the degree of A. B., and is now employed in the land department of the N. W. Harris Trust Company of Chicago.

AXEL F. MALMQUIST

was born in the Swedish city of Landskrona Oct. 1, 1866. His early education was obtained in his home city. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to a carpenter and joiner, remaining



AXEL FRITHIOF MALMQUIST

until he had mastered the trade and become a journeyman.

In August, 1888, he came to this country and Chicago and here continued to follow his trade until 1893, when he associated himself with Edward Fjellander for the purpose of publishing a newspaper, named *Forskaren*, at Rockford. Its first number appeared in September of that year. Malmquist was associate editor of this paper while published at Rockford and after its removal to Minneapolis in 1894. In 1896 he returned to Chicago and was employed for a time on *Svenska Tribunen*, first as agent and later as local news reporter, until given the position of editor-in-chief of *Svenska Nyheter* in 1901. Mr. Malmquist directed the editorial work on that paper until its con-

solidation with *Svenska Tribunen* in July, 1906, when he resigned. Not long after his present position of associate editor of *Svenska Amerikanaren* was tendered him.

Mr. Malmquist, although essentially a self-taught man, is a capable writer with a trenchant, though somewhat rough-hewn style. He holds radical opinions and is an extremist in the defense of his views. In *Forskaren*, under the head of "Forskningsprodukter," and later in the editorial columns of *Svenska Nyheter* his virile pen was principally employed in the cause of labor and socialism and on the side of agnosticism as against the Church.

Before engaging in journalism Mr. Malmquist made poetical contributions to the newspapers and has continued to develop his talent in that line. A collection of his verse was published in 1899, bearing the characteristic title "Törnen och Tistlar" (Thorns and Thistles).

Mr. Malmquist is a member of the Independent Order of Vikings and has held the office of Grand Chief of the order for the past two years. He has also taken an active part in the work of the Swedish National Association and acted as secretary and held other offices in that organization.

FRANCIS E. JOHNSON

was born June 17, 1873, in Bloomington, Ill. He was educated at Evergreen City Business College and in the law department of the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. After coming to Chicago he worked for five years



FRANCIS EMIL JOHNSON

as mileage clerk in the accountant's office of the Chicago and Alton R. R. Company. This situation he left to become cashier in the office of the Strömberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Co.

Determined to start in business on his own account, Mr. Johnson entered into a co-partnership known as Weig & Johnson, dealing in real estate, and acting as managers of the Lake View Safety Deposit Company's vaults at 1743 North Clark st. He remained a member of this firm until October, 1907, when Mr. Weig purchased his interest.

On Feb. 25, 1899, Mr. Johnson married to Miss Cora Viola Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Millard Avenue Presbyterian Church.

HENRY NELSON

was born Jan. 14, 1861, in Fårlöf, Skåne, Sweden. He emi-



HENRY NELSON

grated to the United States in 1876. After taking the course of studies offered at the Morgan Park Theological Seminary he was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church in America. He has served as pastor in Valley and Omaha, Neb., La Porte, Ind., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Chicago, Ill. For twelve years the Rev. Mr. Nelson was the official representative of the American Baptist Publication Society for the Swedish Baptist churches and manager of the Swedish department of the society. He was the editor and manager of the weekly Swedish Sunday school paper, *Barnens Tidning*. Rev. Nelson collaborated in compiling the collection of "Valda Hymner" used by the Swedish Baptist Church in America.

Since 1907, Mr. Nelson has been president of the Scandia Loan and Investment Association.

BIRGER A. PETERSON,

manufacturer of Swedish snuff, was born in Jönköping, Sweden, Dec. 26, 1868. After obtaining a common and high school education in the old country, he emigrated to the United States with his father, C. W. Peterson, in 1886, locating in Chicago. Here father and son immediately established themselves in the tobacco trade. Their first location was in Oak st. Two years later they took larger quarters at 39 E. Chicago ave., where they remained until 1891, removing then to 1241 Bel-



BIRGER A. PETERSON

mont ave., where they erected a building of their own. Charles E. and Tobias T. Peterson, younger brothers of Birger, joined the firm upon attaining their majority. After the death of the elder Pe-

terson in 1899 the three brothers continued the business. Tobias died July 10, 1905, and Charles Sept. 20, 1906, leaving Birger in charge of the business as sole proprietor.

He owns two buildings at 1241 Belmont ave., the rear one containing the manufacturing plant. Here, with the aid of two men and requisite machinery, run by steam, he manufactures on the average 3,000 pounds of snuff per month. Mr. Peterson sells his output to wholesale dealers exclusively. He also conducts a retail cigar and tobacco store on the premises.

Mr. Peterson, who is unmarried, belongs to the Monitor Council of the Royal Arcanum and the Three Links Lodge of Odd Fellows.

JOHN S. ERIKSON

was born in Jönköping, Sweden, March 1, 1859. After his school days were over he learned the trade of a mason. Hoping for a better future in the land of the stars and stripes, he left his native city, emigrating to America in 1882. Soon he found himself in Chicago, where for two years he worked as a carpenter. During the next two years he followed his old trade. Mr. Erikson then ventured to make some building contracts, which he carried out successfully, and has since continued in the vocation of a contractor.

Mr. Erikson is an adherent of the Swedish Lutheran Church and belongs to the Knights of Maccabees.

In 1888 Mr. Erikson was married to Jennie E. Johnson, who was born in Olmstad, Småland, Sweden. They have three sons and two daughters.

CARL U. W. OTTONIUS

was born Nov. 30, 1860, in Adolf Fredrik parish, Stockholm. His



CARL UNO WILHELM OTTONIUS

parents were Otto Wilhelm Ottonius, police commissioner in Adolf Fredrik parish, and Selma Fredrika, née Phalén. After finishing the sixth form in Jönköping high school, the son took a course in Smedman's business college in Stockholm. In 1878 he entered D. F. Bonnier's book store in Göteborg, and for thirteen years clerked in various book stores in Sweden.

In the fall of 1891 Mr. Ottonius emigrated to this country. Since May, 1892, he has been in the

employ of the Swedish M. E. Book Concern, where his knowledge of the book trade makes him invaluable.

Mr. Ottonius was married May 19, 1888, to Wilhelmina Emerentia Sund, daughter of the military surgeon Anders Sund and Carolina Sund, at Bäcktorp, Åtorp, Vermland, Sweden.

OTTO HÖGFELDT,

editor-in-chief of *Missions-Vännen*, is the son of a farmer of Dals-



OTTO HÖGFELDT

land, who had formerly served in the Swedish army. He was born Aug. 10, 1861, the youngest of eight children. The lad had a passion for reading and, when the small supply of reading matter in the home gave out, borrowed from the neighbors. Having been converted during the confirmation term, he became a Sunday school teacher at sixteen. About the same time he wrote his first contribution to the press—a correspondence to a free church paper. His purpose to take a course of study having been persistently thwarted by his father, he left home for America at the age of twenty in order to pursue his own course in life. Coming to Ishpeming, Mich., in the fall of 1881, he worked in a mine for one year before being able to realize his desire to study. He had affiliated with the free church element, known as the Mission Friends, while in Sweden, and now entered Ansgarius College, a school maintained by the same denomination at Knoxville, Ill. His divinity course under Prof. Princell having been completed, he was called to the church at Iron Mountain, Mich., where he labored for the next three years.

During a trip to Sweden in 1888 Mr. Högfeldt wrote a series of letters to *Missions-Vännen*. This led to his being called to take an editorial position on that paper. After declining the first offer, he accepted the position a year later upon a repetition of the call. His first intention was to go back to pastoral duties after a short time, but despite repeated calls from different churches, he has remained with the paper these eighteen years, being of great service to his Church in the able editorial conduct of its leading organ. In the meantime, however, he has been in frequent demand as a preacher or speaker at church conventions and other public occasions. Since 1891 Mr. Högfeldt

has published *Hemåt*, a religious annual, in the interest of the Mission Covenant.

Rev. Högfeldt is one of the most energetic workers in the Covenant, and has served as secretary of that church body for a number of years.

He is married to Augusta Lindberg of Iron Mountain, Mich., and has a family of eight children.

PETER O. EKSTRÖM

was born July 26, 1870, at Bomsarfvet, Gagnef parish, Dalarne,



PETER O. EKSTRÖM

Sweden. His parents, farmer folk, were Olof Olsson and Christina, née Jacobson. He passed in the public schools and was confirmed in 1885, then for three years enjoying private tuition with the teacher's or the ministerial calling in view, but which came to naught owing to religious dissentment. During the years 1887–90 he lived in Ljusne, Helsingland, and there joined the Baptist denomination. In 1891 Mr. Ekström emigrated to the United States, partly to avoid military service, which he considered wrong, and partly to acquire a better schooling than was possible in the old country for a man in his circumstances. In 1891–99 he worked in summer and went to school in winter, part of the time at the Normal School in St. Cloud, Minn. The years from 1899–1903 he spent in the Swedish Baptist Seminary at Morgan Park, graduating from that institution in the spring of 1903. During the three latter years as a student, Mr. Ekström had pastoral charge of the Swedish Baptist congregation at Berwyn, Ill., and a pleasant church edifice was built. The summer of 1900 he spent in Kandiyohi county, Minn., serving partly as school teacher and as a preacher. In 1903–04 he labored as a missionary in Southern Michigan and as pastor in Bay City of that state. At New Year's in 1905 he moved to St. Cloud, Minn., and took charge of the Swedish Baptist church there. Since May, 1907, he has labored in the Red River Valley as a missionary pastor, so called.

In politics, Rev. Ekström calls himself a Prohibitionist-Republican, but is a liberalist in all questions pertaining to the body politic.

The marriage of Rev. Ekström to Miss Katarina Mathilda Boren of Minneapolis, Minn., was celebrated in August, 1904.

CARL H. GRUND

was born April 24, 1864, in Karlstad, Sweden. He took the course



CARL HUGO GRUND

of instruction offered at the collegiate school in Karlstad, spending six years there. At Mellerud, in the province of Dal, he was engaged as apprentice in a pharmacy in 1885, and three years later passed the examination as assistant pharmacist at the Pharmaceutical Institute in Stockholm. After serving for a year he came to America in September, 1889. A situation was at once secured in Chicago. Four months after his arrival he passed the examination as registered pharmacist. After clerking for one year and a half, an opportunity to purchase his employer's interest was taken advantage of, and he became the proprietor of the drug store on the corner of Hoyne ave. and 35 st., which he still owns.

Mr. Grund is a member of the McKinley Park Swedish M. E. Church and has served as treasurer of its board of trustees for the past three years. In politics he is an independent Republican.

Mr. Grund was married in 1891 to Signe Brand, who died, leaving a child. After her demise he was married on June 17, 1892 to her sister, Anna Brand, who bore him three sons and a daughter. The five children are: Signe Florence, Carl Hugo, Roy Walter, Esther and Norman Lars.

ANDERS TOFFT,

associate editor of *Svenska Tribunen-Nyheter*, was born Sept. 28, 1861, at Bäreberg, Vestergötland, Sweden. After finishing the public school course, he continued his



ANDERS TOFFT

studies at home. Emigrating to the United States in 1883, he went to Red Wing, Minn. The following spring he moved to St. Paul. After some years he had

saved sufficient to enable him to attend Gustavus Adolphus College, from which he was graduated in 1893. Obtaining a position on the staff of *Minnesota Stats Tidning*, he remained with that paper until 1899, when he became an editor of *Svenska Folkets Tidning*. The following year he was attracted to Boston, but left after a few months to become city editor of *Svenska Tribunen*. Mr. Tofft retains the same position on the consolidated *Svenska Tribunen-Nyheter*.

JAMES T. WIGREN,

manager of the Swedish M. E. Book Concern, was born Jan. 13,



JAMES T. WIGREN

1854, in Attica, Ind. He is a son of the pioneer preacher, John Wigren. He joined the Methodist Church in 1868, and five years later preached his first sermon at Kewanee, Ill. In 1876 he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Wiley at Pekin, Ill., and at the same time joined the Central Illinois Conference. During a long term of years he was pastor of the congregations of Swedona, Donovan, Evanston, Geneva and Batavia, Ill., Stratford, Des Moines and Keokuk, Ia., Bishop Hill, Ill., and Burlington, Ia. In 1893 Rev. Wigren became presiding elder for the Galesburg district of the Swedish Central Conference, retaining this responsible position for six years. Assigned to Evanston in 1899, he labored there until 1903, when he removed to Chicago, becoming pastor of the Moreland Swedish M. E. Church.

In 1906 Rev. Wigren was appointed manager of the Swedish M. E. Book Concern and still retains this position.

Rev. James T. Wigren was united in marriage with Eva Sandell of Donovan, Ill., Sept. 19, 1878. They have two sons, Victor Fingal, born in Batavia July 27, 1880, and John, born in Bishop Hill April 6, 1890.

FRANK E. ANDERSON

was born in Sweden Dec. 18, 1873. His father, Bernhard Anderson, was a piano-maker. His mother was Inga Anderson. The family emigrated to the United States in 1882 and settled in Chicago. Here the son attended public school until his sixteenth year, when he went to work. He engaged in tailoring and having learned the trade, went into business for himself as a merchant

tailor. His place of business is at 215 Dearborn st.

Mr. Anderson is married to Frida Kabatek. They have a son, Percival H. Anderson.

CHRISTOFFER BRUSELL,

actor and theatrical manager, was born July 26, 1861, in Stockholm,



CHRISTOFFER BRUSELL

where his father was the proprietor of the Kungsholmen brewery. Young Brusell, who had a natural gift of song and other requisites for the public stage, discontinued his college studies in order to enter the pupils' class at the Royal Opera. The dramatic training here obtained by him was supplemented by private musical instruction by Anders Willman, a noted operatic singer. Upon his father's failure in business, Brusell entered the employ of a mercantile house in Stockholm, remaining until 1882, when, upon attaining his majority, he left for the United States.

In Chicago he soon entered the employ of A. Ellinger & Co., the cloak firm. After five years he was made manager of its factory at Racine, Wis. Returning to Chicago in 1892, Brusell secured a situation with F. Siegel & Co. After three years with this firm, he became foreman and examiner with the Empire Cloth Sponging and Refinishing Co., remaining in that capacity for more than ten years.

During his entire residence in Chicago Mr. Brusell has been active in theatrical circles. Of the eighty odd parts taken by him in Swedish plays, many have been leading ones, calling for the highest talent at the company's command. The introduction to Chicago audiences of many of the best comedy dramas of Sweden redounds to the credit of Mr. Brusell and the meritorious aggregation of theatrical people from time to time.

In 1895 he engaged the North Side Turner Hall for a series of five plays there given under his direction. The Studebaker Theater was hired for the season of 1901–02, when three plays were enacted. That season Mr. Brusell played Birger Jarl in "Bröllopet på Ulfåsa," and took leading parts in two other plays. At the Grand Opera House the next season he put on three plays, handling a leading part in each. In 1903 the company under his direction gave "Lifvet på landet," and

during the season of 1907–08 several performances were given by the Swedish Theatrical Company, headed by him. Part of the time Mr. Brusell has been associated with Ernst Behmer of the Swed-Dramatic Company, when the two companies of players cooperated.

During his early years in Chicago Mr. Brusell was a member of the old Freja Singing Society, long dissolved, and later belonged to the Swedish Glee Club and the Svithiod Singing Club. He holds membership in the Merchants' Council No. 142, Royal League.

In 1883 Mr. Brusell was united in marriage with Miss Anna Palmborg of Stockholm. Of five children born to them, the daughter Hedvig has inherited her father's dramatic talent.

CARL A. BJÖRK

was one of the founders of the Swedish Mission Church in America in the late sixties, and in 1885 aided in the organization of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant, of which he has been president ever since.

He was born in Lommaryd parish, Småland, Sweden, July 29, 1837, on the farm of his parents, Sven Svenson and Anna Stina Samuelson. The mother passed away in Lommaryd in 1878, followed two years later by the father. Having attended common school, the son at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to a shoemaker, and at nineteen entered military service in the Norra Vebo Company of the Jönköping Regiment. Having served for eight years, he resigned in 1864 and left for America. Landing at



CARL AUGUST BJÖRK

Quebec, he proceeded to Boone county, Iowa, and located at Mineral Ridge, where he worked at his trade until 1868. When a little group of Mission Friends was formed at Swede Bend, he would frequently conduct their religious meetings and in the last-named year he was called as regular preacher to the little flock. In 1876 he left for Chicago, accepting a call to become pastor of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Church on the north side. Until 1894 he remained in charge of this church, and resigned only to assume the more responsible position of mission superintendent of the Mission Covenant, in which he still serves.

When the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Synod was formed in May, 1873, in Keokuk, Ia., Rev. Björk

was one of its organizers and incorporators. Having been elected its president in 1877, he served in that capacity until 1885, when the synod became a component part of the Mission Covenant, Rev. Björk being chosen head of the new body at the time and each succeeding year down to the present.

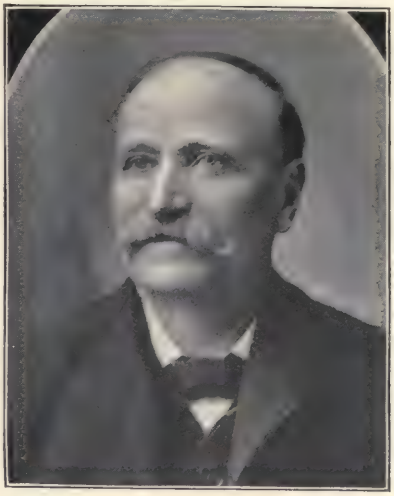
As president of the Covenant, he has participated in founding and developing all the branches of its work, prominent among which are the educational work conducted at North Park College and the benevolent work carried on by the charity home and hospital maintained by the Covenant in Bowmanville. Rev. Björk's especial care, however, consists in supervising and promoting the Covenant missions, comprising the home and foreign fields.

On Oct. 24, 1866, Rev. Björk was married to Johanna Christina Boman, who bore him four children, Ida Susanna, born 1867; Selma Amanda, 1869; Joseph Albert, 1871; Victor Harry, 1875. His first wife having died in 1876, Rev. Björk on July 6, 1878, entered wedlock anew, his second wife being Augusta Sophia Peterson, born in Gåsborn parish, Vermland, May 8, 1846. In the second union there are three sons and one daughter, to-wit: August Emanuel, born 1879; Theresia Elisabeth, 1880; David Theodor, 1883: Carl Otto, 1885. Ida Susanna is the wife of August Stenström and Theresia Elisabeth died in 1903.

The Björk family residence is at 3297 N. Sawyer ave., North Park, Chicago.

S. NILSSON SWAN,

president of the Swan Company, manufacturers of pianos and organs at Freeport, Ill., was born June 20, 1844, in Gärds-Köpinge, Skåne, Sweden. He comes of a long-lived family, his father, Nils Pearson, a butcher and tanner, having died at 75 years of age, and his mother, Karna Pearson, at 72 years.



S. NILSSON SWAN

After receiving such education as the local public schools afforded, he was at fifteen apprenticed to a cabinet-maker. In 1863, his term of apprenticeship being finished, he became a pattern-maker at Kristianstad and later at Malmö. A year was spent here at piano-making. Returning to Kristianstad, he started in 1867 a furniture factory.

On April 8, 1868, he embarked

for America, landing in New York on Easter Sunday. He went to Wyanet, Ill., and worked at cabinet-making for two years. In September, 1870, he went to Mendota, Ill., where he was employed



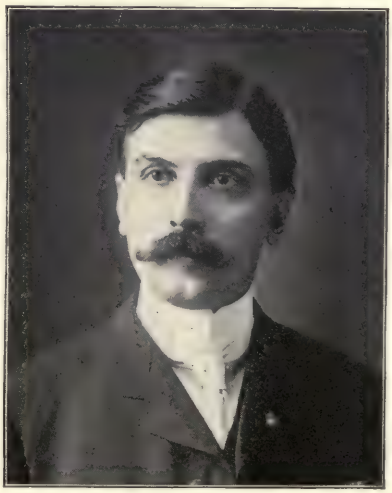
MRS. S. NILSSON SWAN

as action maker by the Western Cottage Organ Co. In 1876 he became a foreman contractor in the fly finish and action department of the factory. Moving in 1887 to Chicago, he purchased an interest in the Chicago Cottage Organ Co. and also became a foreman contractor in the fly finish and action department of this factory. By 1892 he employed ninety men under his contracts. In April, 1893, he sold his holdings in the Cable Co., as the firm was then styled, for $45,000. At once he purchased stock in the Hobart M. Cable Co. and entered upon the position of manager and superintendent of the Burdett Organ Factory in Freeport, Ill. In November, 1907, Mr. Swan bought this plant and formed the Swan Co., with himself as president.

The organ factory has a capacity of thirty reed organs per day and employs over one hundred workers. The instruments are sold in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, England and Scotland, besides all parts of the United States.

Mr. Swan is a member of a number of Masonic bodies, such as the Excelsior No. 97, A. F. and A. M., Chapter No. 23, Commandery No. 7 and Freeport Consistory. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen.

Mr. Swan was united in marriage on July 22, 1866, at Kristianstad, to Ingrid Carlson. She is the daughter of Fredrik and



DAVID EDWARD SWAN

Anna Hokenson Carlson, and was born at Broby, Sweden, Dec. 10, 1842. To Mr. and Mrs. Swan have been born seven children,

viz.: Anna J. C., May 9, 1867; David E., Aug. 15, 1869; Gustaf A. E., Sept. 11, 1871; Amanda A. (Mrs. Harry H. Loomis), Aug. 8, 1873; Ingrid Matilda (Mrs. Frank Reinhardt), May 15, 1875; Hulda O. (Mrs. Arthur H. Anderson), June 4, 1877; Minnie V., Aug. 23, 1879.

The Swans are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church. The family home is at 3415 Calumet ave., Chicago.

DAVID E. SWAN

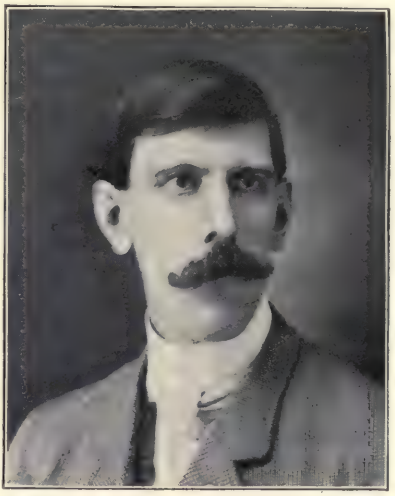
was born Aug. 15, 1869, at Wyanet, Ill. His father is the veteran organ builder, S. Nilsson Swan. When fourteen years of age, David left school and since then has had a practical training in organ factories, becoming an expert organ builder. From 1888 until 1903 he was a foreman at the Cable Co. plant in Chicago. He then transferred his activities to the Burdette organ factory at Freeport in the capacity of assistant superintendent. Since the incorporation of the Swan Co., he is also manager of the sales department.

Mr. Swan is an Elk and also a 32d degree Mason, Rockford Shriner, White Shriner, Chaldean and an Eastern Star Mason. He is further a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal League, the Columbian Knights, as well as the Freeport Club and the Germania Society of Freeport.

His marriage to Hilda L. Anderson of Chicago took place Feb. 27, 1895. Mrs. Swan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Anderson, was born Oct. 29, 1870. They are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church, and reside at 156 West st., Freeport, Ill.

GUSTAF A. E. SWAN

was born Sept. 11, 1871, at Mendota, Ill., a son of the well-known



GUSTAF A. E. SWAN

organ manufacturer, S. Nilsson Swan. He attended the public school until sixteen years of age, when he began work in the organ factory. At the early age of twenty-two years he became a foreman in the Cable Co.'s factory in Chicago. After ten years' service he moved May 1, 1903, to Freeport, Ill., where he continued in the same capacity in the Burdett organ factory. Since the formation of the Swan Company he has also been vice-president of the firm.

Mr. Swan was elected alderman for West Freeport in 1905 and served one term. He is a mem-

ber of Ben Hur Lodge, Columbian Knights, and of the Royal Arcanum.

Nov. 14, 1900, Mr. Swan celebrated his marriage to Esther M. Johanson of Chicago. She was born May 22, 1878, to John and Christina Johanson.

The Messrs. S. Nilsson, David and Gustaf Swan are men of unusual ability, with a record in business and inventive fields placing them in the front rank as organ builders and factory managers.

ELLYN MARIE SWANSON

is a young singer, who was barely out of her 'teens before she



ELLYN MARIE SWANSON

acquired recognition on the concert platform. Her voice is a rich and full soprano, susceptible to the highest development.

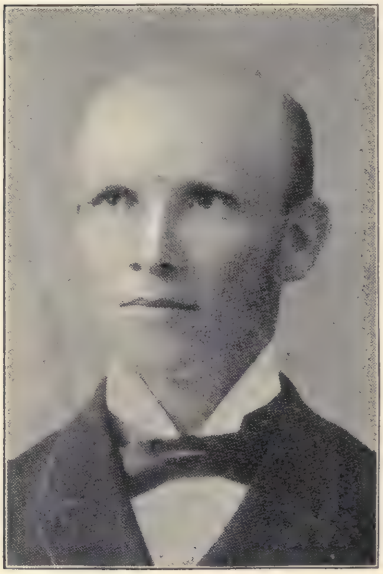
Miss Ellyn Swanson is the daughter of Adolph Swanson, a machinist, and his wife, Ida Fredrika, née Rhenborg. She was born in Chicago Jan. 1, 1884. At the age of five she evinced musical talent and sang with a voice of a musical quality unusual in a child. Having studied privately from her early years, she entered the Chicago Musical College at the age of eighteen, continuing for a period of four years. She there received four free scholarships and has been awarded no less than three diamond medals. Miss Swanson also has studied with Herman DeVries, the baritone, taking seventh grade in the teachers' class, and a post graduate course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Music.

Miss Ellyn Swanson is now connected with two institutions, namely the Central College of Music and the Balatka College, as instructor in voice. For several years back she is soloist of the First Congregational Church of Oak Park. Since she entered the field as a professional singer not long ago, she has become one of the favorite vocalists of Chicago. She is doing both concert and operatic work, is a member of the Balatka Concert Company and has appeared at the Auditorium in local productions of "Faust" and "Samson and Delilah," also in a Swedish country play.

WILLIAM A. PETERSON,

minister of the Swedish Baptist denomination and ex-professor at the theological seminary in Morgan Park, was born March 24,

1860, at Ärila, Södermanland, Sweden. He completed the course in the people's schools at the age



WILLIAM A. PETERSON

of fourteen. At eighteen, while on a hunting trip of a Sunday afternoon with a friend, he had a hair-breadth escape from being killed by the premature discharge of a gun. This accident deeply stirred the young man's mind and marked the turning point in his spiritual life. Having come under Baptist influence prior to this, he joined the Baptist Church at Ärila through immersion in January, 1879. On the advice of his pastor he decided to devote himself to evangelistic work, and began as a missionary, engaged by the Mission Union of Södermanland.

Having labored in the mission field during the years 1881–83, and feeling the need of further training, he entered the Bethel Seminary at Stockholm, where he pursued studies for the next three years. From 1886 to 1888 he was pastor of the church in Sala, a charge which he left to go to the United States. A few months after his arrival in this country he entered the Swedish department of the Baptist Union Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, from which he was graduated the following spring. He preached in Iron River during the ensuing summer, then returned to the seminary, entering the American department. Not satisfied with the course leading to the degree of B. D., which he earned in a year, he pursued post-graduate studies until the spring of 1891, meanwhile serving as assistant instructor in Greek, Hebrew and Swedish.

He was ordained and served as pastor of the church at Sioux Falls, S. D., for one year. After that he spent three years at the University of Chicago as a post-graduate student. In 1895 he was called as regular professor in the Swedish department of the Morgan Park institution, accepting the chair of universal and church history, and the Greek and Swedish languages. In 1907, having acquired views at variance with his denomination, he resigned and went to Sweden, settling in the vicinity of Eskilstuna.

CHARLES H. JOHNSTON was born in Kroppa parish, Vermland, Sweden, Nov. 6, 1860. He

learned the iron worker's trade in his father's shop. Five years were then spent working in the Nordenfelt Gatling Gun Factory. Leaving Sweden in 1886, he first settled in Pittsburgh. By the next year he was in Chicago, where he worked in various shops. In 1889 he opened a shop on Indiana st. for the manufacture of all kinds of ironwork for building purposes. In 1902 he removed his shop to 110–112 E. Ohio st. The present location of the Johnston Iron Works is 257–259 E. Division st. The work here turned out ranges from fire escapes, standpipes and iron beams to small castings and forgings.

Mr. Johnston belongs to the Masonic order and to the National Union.

In 1887 Mr. Johnston was married to Miss Sophia Nelson, also from Vermland. They have a son and a daughter. The family residence is at 3023 N. Ashland avenue.

CHARLES F. ERIKSON,

publisher of *Svenska Tribunen-Nyheter*, was born March 6, 1866, in Vestergötland, Sweden. He came to the United States in 1887, making his home in Marinette, Wis., for a time. From there he came to Chicago and was employed as advertising solicitor of *Skandia*, a Swedish daily published at that time. In 1891–92 he was an employee of the Chicago *Herald*. Going to Omaha, Neb., he engaged in politics there, was nominated for city comptroller on the Democratic ticket and defeated by the narrow margin of a few hundred votes.

In 1897 he attended the Stock-



CHARLES F. ERIKSON

holm Exposition as special commissioner in behalf of the management of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which was to take place at Omaha the following year. While at Omaha Mr. Erikson conducted a newspaper advertising agency.

Returning to Chicago in 1899, he became advertising manager of *Svenska Tribunen*, and when this paper was sold in 1900 to John E. Norling and Samuel E. Carlsson he secured a like position with *Svenska Nyheter*. In May, 1905, he purchased the first-named paper and in July of the following year it was consolidated with the latter, which was named *Svenska Tribunen-Nyheter*. Since March, 1907, Mr. Erikson has been sole proprietor of the paper, which is said to have the largest clientele

of any Swedish weekly in the world.

Mr. Erikson is a member of the Swedish Glee Club, the Chicago Advertising Association and the Illinois Athletic Club. He is a Knight Templar, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, a member of Medinah Temple of Chicago and of Chicago, of King Oscar Lodge A. F. and A. M., and affiliates with several other Masonic organizations.

Feb. 27, 1895 Mr. Erikson was married to Miss Selma Dahlstrom of Omaha. They have three children, two sons and a daughter.

LUTHER P. FRIESTEDT

is a typical Chicagoan. He was born April 30, 1860, at Watertown, Wis., of Swedish parents, and was brought here by them in 1861, since which time Chicago has been his residence. Beginning his education at the old Skinner School, he continued his studies until graduated from the old Washington High School. At the age of sixteen he went on a farm near Wheaton, Ill., where he remained until he attained his majority, attending Wheaton College during the winter months and giving particular attention to civil and mechanical engineering.

Shortly after his twenty-first birthday Friestedt arranged to go to Oregon for the purpose of engaging in the cattle business, but while in Chicago purchasing his outfit he was asked by Robert McAuley, a house raiser and mover, to assist him in raising a building, a small brick structure in Indiana street. In this work he applied his engineering theories to such advantage that McAuley insisted that he enter his employ, promising him a partnership at the end of the year. Friestedt accepted his offer, abandoned his western trip and buckled down to work. McAuley's business prospered and within six months Friestedt was taken into partnership, the firm being called McAuley & Friestedt. At the end of a year the junior partner embarked in business for himself as L. P. Friestedt & Co. The firm is still in business, the largest of its kind in the world.

A rapidly increasing business was Friestedt's portion, but it was not until 1893 that he sprang to the front rank as an engineer. During that year he was awarded a contract for $100,000, engaging to clear the right of way of the Metropolitan Elevated Railway Company from Western ave. to Halsted st., salvaging all buildings and holding the company harmless. It was his work on the Normandie apartment building during this time that brought him prominently to the fore. This granite front, three-story structure, 100 by 75 feet, faced Laflin street. To enable the elevated road to properly extend its tracks it was necessary to raise and back this building and then turn it around so that it would face on Van Buren st. This work Friestedt accomplished, and the work

was visited by government engineers and commissioners from different countries, resulting finally in his being engaged by the Austro-Hungarian government to undertake a series of works in Budapest, which firmly established his fame as an engineer.

It was in 1896 that the Austro-Hungarian government appointed a commission to consider the possibility of widening the thoroughfare in Budapest, intersected by the Danube River, in order that a cantilever bridge might be constructed. The commission decided upon Friestedt, and he was awarded a contract to widen Louis Kossuth boulevard 22 meters, or 73.26 feet. In the prosecution of this undertaking it was necessary for him to move the Drear Palais, a new structure of stone and concrete costing 1,500,000 florins, a distance of seventy feet. This he did without accident. A church, built in the twelfth century, was successfully moved, as well as five government buildings, and all this was accomplished without disaster.

During the three years required for the work Mr. Friestedt spent much time in Budapest, was registered under the law as a business man, carried a cash balance in bank of 200,000 florins and employed thousands of laborers. He afterward executed several commissions for the Archduke Joseph and operated in Austria-Hungary as the Friestedt Company of Budapest for a time.

While the L. P. Friestedt Co. of Chicago is the headquarters of Mr. Friestedt, he is largely engaged in other activities. He is heavily interested in the Friestedt Interlocking Channel Bar Company, which makes an interlocking steel piling of his invention, and it is used by all railways and governments of the world. The company has executed immense contracts in the harbor of Nagasaki, Japan, and at the Mersey docks of Liverpool. He is a stockholder in the Columbia Tool Steel Company of Chicago Heights, in the British Steel Piling Company of London, and owns real estate in almost every part of Chicago. His fortune is estimated at six figures.

Mr. Friestedt was a member of the commission appointed by the sanitary district of Chicago, the city and the government to estimate the cost of deepening and widening the Chicago River so as to meet the requirements of the projected ship canal.

In 1902 Mr. Friestedt was elected to the city council as an alderman from the Thirteenth ward by the largest majority ever given in that ward, and was re-elected in 1903. He resigned in 1905, owing to the demands upon his time by his business interests.

In 1906 Mr. Friestedt waged the hottest kind of a fight with Congressman William Lorimer for the Republican nomination for representative in congress from the sixth district of Illinois, and was defeated by a small margin at the primary election.

In religion Mr. Friestedt is an

Episcopalian and a member of St. Andrew's Church. His fraternal affiliations include membership in the Masonic order, he being a member of Union Park Lodge, York Chapter, Chicago Commandery and Medinah Temple. He is a Knight of Pythias, a Son of the American Revolution and his list list of clubs includes the Menoken, Chicago Athletic, Chicago Automobile, Horican Gun, Eagle River Fishing and Hunting. He is a member of the Western Society of Engineers.

When he was 22 Mr. Friestedt married Dora M. Huyer of Chicago. To them have been born five sons: Arthur, George, Herman, Luther and Willis. The three eldest boys are associated with their father in business, and all live at the homestead at 170 Central Park ave.

ANDREW L. ANDERSON,

who was a man of prominence in Henry county before removing to Chicago a few years ago, was born in Vestergötland, Sweden, Oct. 26, 1842. He grew up and obtained his essential education in the place of his birth. In 1860 he emigrated to America, making a nine weeks' voyage on board a sailing vessel. After reaching the port of New York, he proceeded to Geneseo, and from there to the township of Andover, where he worked on a farm through the summer and attended school the following winter.

In January, 1862, the young newcomer enlisted for military service in Battery H, First Illinois Light Artillery. After eighteen months of actual service in the



ANDREW L. ANDERSON

field he received honorable discharge for disability. Returning home, he passed some months in recruiting his strength, putting in most of the time at school, perfecting his knowledge of the English language. As soon as his health permitted, he went to work for Mr. P. P. Allen, remaining in his employ for seven years, the first two or three years as a farmhand and afterward in the capacity of buyer of stock—cattle, horses and sheep,—spending one year in Missouri for that purpose.

Subsequently, Mr. Anderson rented land until 1880, when he bought a farm in Munson township, devoting himself successfully to farming and stockraising there for many years.

In public affairs locally and nationally Mr. Anderson has taken

a deep interest. In 1872 he vigorously opposed the movement headed by Capt. Eric Johnson and Jonas W. Olson to round up the Swedish voters of Henry county for Greeley, and at that juncture organized the Swedish-American Republican club of the county.

Prior to 1885 he served as assessor for two terms and for several years as a school director. In time he acquired a dominant influence in county politics, was entrusted with the county treasurership and held various other offices within the gift of his constituents. He did much to gain for the people of his nationality due recognition in county affairs. Mr. Anderson was one of the active organizers of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois and served as its treasurer during the preliminary period and for the first two regular terms of one year.

Having retired from agricultural pursuits and politics, Mr. Anderson in 1903 removed to Chicago and owns a home at 6505 Green st., Englewood.

March 16, 1871, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Amanda Wallin, a member of a well-known family, most of whose members are living in Iowa. To the Andersons have been born eight children: Hilda H., Alvin E., deceased, John Albert, Eugenia L., James Elmer and Andrew Wendell, deceased, George A. and Gilbert C.

HENRY STRUVE

was born in Kristianstad, Skåne, Dec. 9, 1857. His parents were



HENRY STRUVE

the military surgeon Henry Struve and Dorothea Struve. After having passed through four classes of the local collegiate school he obtained a position as clerk in Hjalmar Möller's bookstore in Kristianstad, remaining there eleven years.

Mr. Struve emigrated in 1887 and came at once to Chicago. For a number of years he has been in the employ of the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Co.

He is a member of the Skåne Provincial Lodge of A. F. and A. M. in Sweden and also of Lodge No. 1, I. O. S.

ANTON C. ENGBERG

was born May 20, 1877, in Chicago, and is the son of John J. and Marie S. Engberg. He was

educated in the public schools and at the Metropolitan Business College, where he completed a course in bookkeeping.



ANTON CARL ENGBERG

Learning the printers' trade, he has worked in various offices in the city. For a number of years he has been employed at the establishment of the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Company.

Mr. Engberg is a member of the Twenty-Third Ward Republican Club and resides at 458 Cleveland ave.

JOHN J. ENGBERG

was born in Bergsjö, Norra Helsingland, one of the most beautiful spots in the kingdom of Sweden, Jan. 8, 1846. His father, Jonas (Jonson) Engberg—a farmer and, in fact, a carpenter and a blacksmith, as he performed all such work required on the farm—became weary of paying fines for being a dissenter or separatist, and decided to seek a home in the land where religious liberty prevails. In 1856 he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Goodhue county, Minn. The following year the son, John, who had acquired an education in the old home public school and in a separatist school under the tuition of Rev. Peter Beckman, commenced learning the printer's trade, "the black art," as it was formerly called, on *Minnesota - Posten*, a Swedish weekly, published in Red Wing by his cousin, Rev. Eric Norelius, and his eldest brother, Jonas Engberg. Aug. 8, 1858, the mother, Brita, née Larson, accidentally lost her life in crossing Cannon River on her way to



JOHN J. ENGBERG

church, the father passing away in 1862. That same year the youth journeyed back to Chicago and had a year's schooling with Prof. L. P. Esbjörn, the founder of Augustana Theological Semi-

nary, at that time located in Chicago. In November, 1863, he enlisted in the 89th Ill. Vol. Inf'try, Co. D, and took part in General Sherman's operations in Tennessee and Georgia. Having successfully "dodged the bullets" for one year at the front, as he expresses it, sickness laid him low, and upon convalescing later in the fall of 1864, he was transferred first to the 59th Ill. and a short time afterward to the 8th Regt. Veteran Reserve Corps at Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he served guarding rebel prisoners, until mustered out after the close of the Civil War in the fall of 1865. Since then he has mostly been employed as a "type-sticker" in different parts of the Western states, occasionally doing a little writing for newspapers here and there. He was among the thousands who in 1871 lost their all of worldly possessions in the Chicago fire in that year. In 1872 he added the knowledge of music type setting to his craft. At present he is "setting up" books and music for the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Company.

J. J. Engberg is affiliated with the Swedish Typographical Union No. 247, of which he was the first president, the North Star Lodge No. 2393 Knights of Honor, in which he served as president for several terms, and is also a member of the grand lodge of that order, and of the G. A. R.

Nov. 7, 1868, Mr. Engberg was united in marriage to Marie S. Ågren from Kristianstad, Sweden, the issue of the union being nine children, six of whom survive, namely: Axel Rudolph, Mrs. Rose E. Spoor, Alma B., Anton C., Ruth E. and Walter L. Engberg.

ERNST W. OLSON

was born March 16, 1870, in Finja parish, Skåne, Sweden.



ERNST WILHELM OLSON

His parents were Johannes Olson (deceased) and Johanna Olson, née Grahn. There are eleven children in the family, and it was chiefly on their account that the father, although a well-to-do farmer, determined to emigrate to the country whose name stands for opportunity. The family came over in May, 1878, and located on a farm near Wahoo, Neb.

When in the fall of 1883 Luther Academy was opened at Wahoo, Ernst was one of the first half dozen students enrolled. He continued his studies at Augustana

College, Rock Island, graduating with the class of '91.

With some experience in editing college papers, including *Censor*, *Balder* and the *Lyceum Annual*, he took a position with the weekly *Fosterlandet* of Chicago shortly after leaving college. One year afterward he returned to Rock Island to edit the English monthly *Observer*, and later became editor of the Swedish weekly *Nya Pressen* of Moline, handling the two papers simultaneously for a time. He was one of three persons who purchased the latter paper in January, 1894, and published it at Moline for the next three years. The plant was removed to Chicago early in 1896 and two editions were published, one for each city. In December, 1896, a consolidation with *Fosterlandet* was effected, and Mr. Olson became editor of that paper, also acquiring an interest in the plant. In 1900, when the paper passed under the control of the publishers of *Svenska Tribunen*, he was given editorial charge of both. He remained editor-in-chief of *Tribunen* until 1905, when a change in ownership and policy caused his retirement. Save for occasional news stories contributed to the *Record-Herald* of Chicago, the illustrated weekly *Hvar 8 Dag* of Göteborg, and other journals, he has since been out of the field of journalism from choice, having declined offers from several Swedish newspapers, and has devoted his time to editorial work for the Engberg - Holmberg Publishing Company.

Besides writing original verse, Mr. Olson has turned a number of poetic masterpieces from Swedish into English, and vice versa. Among his translations may be mentioned "Angelika," by Malmström, and a portion of Tegnér's "Frithiof's Saga." Competitive prizes were won by him for a college song, dedicated to his Alma Mater, and for a short story, submitted to the *Ram's Horn*. To Bethany College he is indebted for the honorary degree of A. M.

Mr. Olson's marriage to Miss Anna Strand of Des Moines, Ia., took place Dec. 20, 1899. Their children are: Eugene Wilfred Irving, born 1901, Adele Eugenia, 1903, Eunice Elizabeth, 1905, and Herbert William Leroy, 1907. Mrs. Olson is a graduate of the Augustana Conservatory of Music.

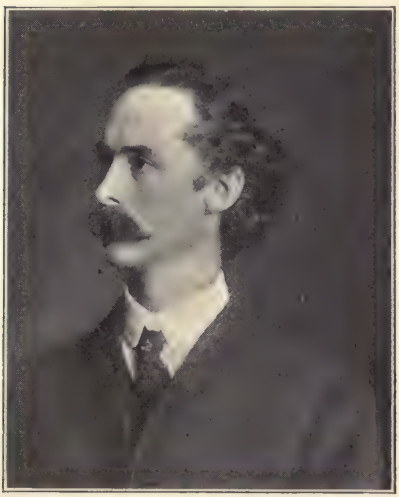
The family attend the Gethsemane Swedish Lutheran Church, Mr. Olson at present serving as its secretary and chairman of its board of trustees. He is secretary of the Western Oregon Orchard Company and member of the Swedish Historical Society of America.

OSCAR ENGBERG,

in point of years of service the oldest Swedish - American book publisher and bookseller, was born Dec. 6, 1863, in the parsonage of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, Chicago, which at that time, together with the church, was located on Superior st., between Wells st. and La Salle ave., on the site now occupied by the Pas-

savant Memorial Hospital. He has ever since had his name on the rolls of this congregation.

After attending parochial and public schools as well as studying privately, young Engberg passed an apprenticeship of several years' duration in the printing office of Engberg & Holmberg, thereby laying the foundation for the general knowledge of publishing in



OSCAR ENGBERG

its various branches which he possesses.

Having served as salesman with the same firm for several years, Mr. Engberg was placed in charge of a branch established in St. Paul, Minn., in the fall of 1881, remaining there for six years, when he returned to the parent establishment in Chicago.

Since 1887 Mr. Engberg has been secretary of the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Co. As he has made a study of the business and his memory is excellent, his head is crammed with knowledge of book titles and prices as well as names of authors and publishers. Being exceedingly fond of reading, he has "devoured" volumes innumerable.

During his thirty years of service in the book business he has made the acquaintance of residents throughout the northern half of the states. He has the reputation of being an energetic, indefatigable toiler. Mr. Engberg has edited a number of publications, and under a nom de plume made occasional contributions to the Swedish-American press, in verse form.

Nov. 24, 1885, Mr. Engberg was married to Anna Christian of Winona, Minn., born March 19, 1864. They have a daughter, Helen, born June 3, 1887. For the past fifteen years they have been residents of Ravenswood.

JOSEPH G. SHELDON

was born July 29, 1868, in Karlskrona, Sweden, where his father was cashier of the state penitentiary. He went to private school at the age of five years and continued there until he was nine years old. In January, 1878, he began to attend the elementary school, where he remained until the summer of 1884, when he was a member of the seventh class. His father having died two years previously, young Sheldon, accompanied by his mother, emigrated to America. He came to Chicago in August, 1884, and has since resided here. He soon obtained

employment with A. H. Andrews & Co., manufacturers of school furniture, and remained with this firm until 1886. In the fall of that year he commenced work as a dry goods clerk, and continued in that vocation until January, 1889, when he took a course in bookkeeping at the Metropolitan Business College. After having



JOSEPH GILBERT SHELDON

completed his course he obtained employment as a bookkeeper, and in February, 1891, secured a position as receiving teller and general bookkeeper in the Dime Savings Bank, where he remained until the summer of 1895. In the fall of that year he matriculated with the Northwestern University Law School, from which he graduated in June, 1897, at the head of a class of eighty. He secured the scholarship prize, consisting of a series of thirty volumes of law. He has since practiced law in the state and federal courts with marked success.

In April, 1902, he was appointed a justice of the peace to succeed Chas. H. Hoglund, deceased, and served in that capacity until December, 1906, when that office was abolished, and he then resumed the practice of law.

Mr. Sheldon became a member of Svithiod Lodge No. 1, I. O. S., in 1898, was elected chairman of the lodge in January, 1900, and chairman of the grand lodge in 1906, being reelected in 1907.

Since 1907, Mr. Sheldon is president of the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Company. He was in 1908 elected secretary of the Swedish Historical Society of America.

Mr. Sheldon is known as a fluent speaker in both Swedish and English and has appeared as orator on many public occasions.

Mr. Sheldon traces his ancestry back to Bishop Gilbert Sheldon, who was Dean of the University of Oxford in the early part of the seventeenth century and who donated the funds necessary to erect the Sheldonian Theater at Oxford, which is still in existence. In consideration of this gift, his lineal descendants are entitled to a free education at the University of Oxford. The sons of Bishop Sheldon were adherents of Charles I., and hence were forced to flee the country after Cromwell's accession to power. All but two went to America. Gilbert and Francis in 1650 found a home in Sweden, where they followed their trade, that of ship builders.

Francis never married. Gilbert's descendants up to the present generation have, with few exceptions, also been ship builders and taken a prominent part in building the Swedish navy. Gilbert's son, Charles Sheldon, was born Sept. 29, 1666, and died Aug. 10, 1739. His son, Gilbert Sheldon, was born Feb. 21, 1710, in Karlskrona, where the family resided until 1884. He died April 20, 1794. Both he and his father were chiefs of construction in the Swedish navy. Although the family was numerous at one time, the only male representatives of the present generation are Joseph G. and his elder brother, Adolf Ulric Sheldon, a retired ship builder, now residing in Schloss Randegg, Baden. There are no Sheldons in Sweden at the present time.

On Aug. 20, 1903, Mr. Sheldon was united in marriage with Sigrid Engberg, daughter of the late Jonas Engberg.

MARTIN J. ENGBERG

was born Sept. 4, 1872, in Chicago. His parents were Jonas and Elizabeth Engberg. He was graduated from the North Division High School in 1889, and then spent a year in the Engberg-Holmberg Pub. Co.'s office. In the fall of 1890 he entered the University of Illinois, taking a scientific course, and making a specialty of chemistry.

Graduating in 1894 with the degree Bachelor of Science, he was a technical chemist for several years. Since 1900 he has been identified with the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Co. in the capacity of treasurer. He is one of the editors of this work and has uncovered some historical material before unknown to Swedish-American annals. He was for some years actively identified with several Swedish musical organizations.

Mr. Engberg is a member of the Swedish Historical Society of



MARTIN J. ENGBERG

America, the Illinois State Historical Society and of the Illinois Academy of Science.

On Aug. 17, 1904, Mr. Engberg was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hoffsten of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Engberg is the daughter of Aaron and Sophie Hoffsten, and was born Nov. 4, 1873, at Wilkesbarre, Pa. She graduated from the Girls' High School in Philadelphia in 1891 and later from the Girls' Normal School and has taken special studies in the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Hoffsten was a teacher in the

Robert Morris School in Philadelphia for several years.

Since coming to Chicago, Mrs. Engberg has compiled a Swedish



ELIZABETH HOFFSTEN ENGBERG

primer entitled, "Min första läsebok," which is founded on the most advanced American pedagogical thought, coupled with many new ideas devised for the book. It has cast aside the traditional methods heretofore used in the Swedish primers both in Sweden and this country.

Mr. and Mrs. Engberg are members of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church. They have two sons, Robert Martin, born Jan. 17, 1906, and Paul Richard Hoffsten, born Aug. 20, 1908.

CARL B. F. BERGQUIST

was born Feb. 12, 1874, in Chicago. He is the eldest son of Carl O. and Wendla A. Bergquist. After finishing his public school course, he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, eventually entering into partnership with his father and younger brother, Hjalmar, under the firm title of Carl O. Bergquist and Sons.

In 1902 he removed to Encampment, Wyo., where he is growing up with the country. Mr. Bergquist is connected with a number of mining companies operating in the camp. He is vice-president and general manager of the Wyoming Finance Co., president of the Big Butte Copper Co., and secretary and treasurer of The Investors Mining and Prospecting Co. The property of the company last named is at Rambler, Wyo.,



CARL B. F. BERGQUIST

near the Doane-Rambler and the Ferris-Haggerty mines.

Mr. Bergquist is further identified with several of Encampment's industries and activities.

EOS HEGSTROM

was born Jan. 7, 1854, in Bergsjö, Helsingland, Sweden, where his father was school teacher and



EOS HEGSTROM

parish clerk. He came to America in 1869 and spent the first two years in Andover and Victoria, Ill., where he attended school.

In the spring of 1872 he entered the employ of the Swedish Lutheran Publication Society in Chicago. When *Hemlandet* was sold to Enander and Bohman in 1873, he became their accountant, remaining in this capacity for nine years. In 1882 he went to Anoka, Minn., where he spent two years in the mercantile business of O. Norell. He entered, in 1884, the banking house of Haugan and Lindgren, later styled the State Bank of Chicago, and remained with the bank twenty years. Mr. Hegstrom was one of the promoters of the Union Bank of Chicago which was organized in the spring of 1905 and has been vice-president from the start. On July 16, 1908, the bank had a capital stock and surplus of $225,000.00 and deposits amounting to $818,288.18. Mr. Hegstrom is at the head of the real estate loan department and is one of the expert real estate valuators of the city.

Mr. Hegstrom is not married. He is a member of the Elim Swedish Lutheran Church of Pullman.

V. HARALD HEGSTROM,

pastor of the Augustana Swedish Lutheran Church in Hyde Park, was born Jan. 11, 1869, in Bergsjö, Sweden, where his father, Erik Högström, was a teacher and parish clerk. The son attend-



V. HARALD HEGSTROM

ed public school and enjoyed private instruction in Sweden. Not long after his immigration to this country in 1884, he was enrolled as a student at Augustana Col-

lege, where he studied from 1885 to 1890, graduating the latter year with the bachelor's degree. Mr. Hegstrom next pursued postgraduate studies at Yale 1890–91 and '92–94, whereby he earned the degree of Ph. D. He continued higher studies at Columbia University, New York, 1895–97, was a non-resident student of Chicago University 1902–03 and a resident student for four quarters, 1903–04.

In 1892 Dr. Hegstrom took a position as teacher at Upsala College, Brooklyn. In 1898 he accepted a call to become president of Jewell College, Jewell, Ia., and remained at the head of that institution until 1903, when he exchanged the professor's chair for the pulpit, taking charge of the Augustana Church in Chicago as acting pastor. Having completed a divinity course at Augustana Theological Seminary in 1905–06, Dr. Hegstrom was graduated with the degree of B. D. and subsequently ordained to the ministry. In the Augustana Church, which he still serves, he has laid down great effort in securing a $20,000 church as well as in the inner upbuilding of the congregation. Dr. Hegstrom is a director of the Chicago Inner Mission Society.

June 1, 1898, Dr. Hegstrom was married to Ada Matilda Swanson, born July 11, 1877, the daughter of S. A. and Betty Swanson of Des Moines, Ia. Of three children born to them, two are living: Harald Eugene, born Aug. 8, 1901, and Ada Inez Sarah Dorothea, born Feb. 22, 1904.

FRANK L. HELANDER

was born in Sjötofta, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, June 29, 1870, and emigrated to America in 1886, coming to Chicago, where he has resided ever since. He first secured employment in the Rock



FRANK L. HELANDER

Island railroad shops, where he worked for three years. He then worked for several clothing firms, staying with one firm six years, in the same place that he now occupies for his own business, at 5122 Wentworth ave. In 1897 he opened a clothing and men's furnishing house, and has succeeded well.

Mr. Helander is a Lutheran by faith. He is a member of the Linné Society, Runan Lodge, I. O. V., Court Stockholm No. 16, Foresters of America, the John Ericsson Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F., the Mystic Star Lodge No. 758, A. F. and A. M., the Ori-

ental Consistory, S. P. R. S., and of the Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine.

In 1894 Mr. Helander was married to Miss Clara Johnson of Chicago, and they have established a pleasant home. Their children are: Alice, Mabel, Clara and Frank.

AUGUSTA SOFIA KHEIRALLA was born Jan. 21, 1854, in Finland, near the city of Vasa. At the age of ten years she began her studies at a girls' seminary in Vasa, from which she graduated in 1870. The same year she emigrated to America, taking up her residence in Chicago. In the year 1888 she began the study of medicine, graduating from the Hahnemann Medical College in 1892. Later on she took up a course of study at the Harvey Medical College, from which she graduated in 1896. She practiced her profession in the city of Chicago until 1904, when she was married to Dr. Ibrahim G. Kheiralla, a Syrian scholar.

Mrs. Kheiralla is a sister of the late C. G. Linderborg, formerly editor and publisher of *Svenska Tribunen*.



AUGUSTA SOFIA KHEIRALLA

JOHN H. ROSBERG was born in Reslöf parish, near Malmö, Skåne, Nov. 23, 1856. He was apprenticed at the age of sixteen to one Plantin, a cabinet-maker in Malmö, and became a journeyman in 1877. After working in Copenhagen for a year and in Stockholm for four years he emigrated to this country in 1882. After a short stay in Bridgeport, Conn., he came to Chicago, and after working for various firms, he entered in 1885 into partnership with Hans Jessen and started a cabinet-maker's shop in Jefferson st. A later shop having burned



JOHN HENRY ROSBERG

in 1901, they moved to their present quarters at 405 W. Kinzie st., where they occupy six floors and employ about ninety workmen. Jessen & Rosberg make benches and cabinets for dentists, watchmakers' benches and the like. Mr. Jessen having died in 1902, Mr. Rosberg is now sole proprietor, having purchased his partner's interest in the business.

Mr. Rosberg is a member of King Oscar Lodge No. 855, A. F. and A. M., Oriental Consistory, Washington Chapter No. 43, Columbia Commandery No. 63, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine as member of Medinah Temple, of Atlas Lodge No. 261, I. O. O. F., and of Svithiod Lodge No. 1, I. O. S., of which he was treasurer for three years.

Mr. Rosberg was married in 1882 to Kerstin Holmgren from Arlöf, Skåne. They have six sons: Charles Henry, George August, Alfred Victor, Rudolf Waldemar, Harry Emil and Elmer Gustaf.

The home is at 1832 Humboldt boulevard.

AXEL LUDVIG HVASSMAN

was born in Habo parish, Vestergötland, Sweden on April 24, 1863. At an early age he moved to Jönköping and thence in 1881 to Stockholm. He was there engaged with Janson and Wallgren, court tailors. While in the capital he sang in choruses directed by Berg, Albert Lindström, Krueger and others. In 1886 Mr. Hvassman emigrated with Chicago as his goal. He there was employed with prominent tailoring firms like John and Henry Stevenson. Since 1896 he has had his own business. He is now established at 352–354 N. Clark st.

Ever since coming to Chicago Mr. Hvassman has been active in



AXEL LUDVIG HVASSMAN

Swedish musical circles. Choir leader at Lake View Swedish Mission Church 1890–93, he has held the same position twice each at the Tabernacle Swedish Mission Church and the North Side Swedish Mission Church. He has served continuously at the latter church since 1902. Besides leading the church choir, he directs the Asaph male chorus. In addition he is director of the Swedish Mission Festival Chorus, organized in 1892.

Mr. Hvassman was on Aug. 27, 1907 united in marriage with Alma Emma Elizabeth, born in Chicago, July 16, 1879 to Carl and Sarah Anderson. She is a

graduate of Hyde Park High School.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hvassman was born on July 4, 1908 a daughter.

SWEN LINDEROTH

was born Oct. 14, 1859, in Skåne, Sweden. The parents in 1860 moved near Eskilstuna, where the father became a farmer. Swen finished the course in the public school at the age of twelve years. Soon after, he was apprenticed to a wood-turner, but, treated cruelly by him, the lad was then made errand boy to a shoemaker. Tiring of this, he left Eskilstuna and went to Stockholm where he became a clerk. His evenings were devoted to study. At the age of seventeen he obtained a good position in a planing mill where houses were planned and manufactured ready for domestic and foreign shipment. Two years after, he became assistant superintendent in a planing mill in Eskilstuna. Returning to Stockholm he worked in an architect's office during the winter and in the different building trades during the summer, thereby gaining the all-round experience he would have attained in a technical school and at the same time earning his living. As junior partner of an architectural firm Linderoth engaged in his profession until the fall of 1884, when he left Sweden. Arriving at Chicago he had to grapple with new architectural methods and a new language. He made good progress, and in 1887 he was invited to become a member of the Illinois chapter of the American Institute of Architects. In 1891 a severe illness almost cost him his life. He was, in fact, given up for dead, but revived miraculously after the time for



SWEN LINDEROTH

his funeral had been set. He required nine months to recuperate. In the meantime his former good business was so badly conducted by his subordinates that he decided to abandon his profession.

Mr. Linderoth now essayed the manufacture of enameled brick, which had heretofore been imported from England at high prices. A factory was built at 52nd and Wallace sts., and men were engaged who had made a similar product abroad. After a Swedish, a German and an English superintendent had in turn failed in the attempt to produce enameled brick, the Linderoth Ceramic Co. was forced to the wall.

Mr. Linderoth sold his house, and, under the assignee, continued to experiment until he finally succeeded in producing a real enamel on clay. But being financially ruined, it was impossible for him to continue operations. A small shed was finally secured in Englewood, in which porcelain filter tubes were made. The demand for his product was so great that he soon occupied larger quarters. In 1900 a second factory was built. Two years later an addition was built and more ground purchased to provide for future extensions. The establishment is now incorporated as the Alhambra Ceramic Works, with Mr. Linderoth as its president. Among the products are enameled and glazed tile, terra cotta statuettes and placques, porcelain filter tubes and pottery for use in schools as drawing models; also underglaze decorated ware, as yet quite new in the United States. A ceramic school has been started in connection with the enterprise, in which art students are taught various branches of the potter's art, including the purely decorative branches as well as ceramic chemistry. Samples of their work was exhibited at the World's Exposition at St. Louis by the firm. When the ceramic school was to be started at the University of Illinois, Mr. Linderoth was offered the position of director, but declined the appointment.

His clients have persuaded him to again enter the professional field again, and he is now actively engaged in the practice of architecture.

Mr. Linderoth was married to Sophie Johnson in 1887 and his children are Ruby, Samuel, Irene and Edna. He is a member of ceramic, architectural, literary, and temperance societies. He has been major of the Swedish-American Guards and first vice-president of the Swedish National Association. Mr. Linderoth possesses marked ability as a writer and his contributions to technical and trade journals are many and valuable.

CHARLES JOHN ANDERSON

was born July 20, 1880, in the parish of Viby, Östergötland, Sweden, where his father, Anders Gustaf Peterson, was a carpenter. Up to his fifteenth year he received his training and education in his native place. Coming to this country in May, 1895, he worked on a farm near Oakland, Neb. four years, attending public school in winter. Going from there to Omaha, he took a two years' course at the Omaha Commercial College and then was in the employ of the Western Paper Co. in that city a short time before leaving for Chicago in 1901.

After being connected with the house of Carson, Pirie, Scott and Co. for a year, Mr. Anderson was engaged as advertising manager for *Hemmets Vän*, a Swedish illustrated magazine, which proved short-lived. He next held a sim-

ilar position with *Svenska Tribunen*, which he left Feb. 1, 1906, to engage in the printing business



CHARLES JOHN ANDERSON

on his own account. Embarrassed by lack of sufficient capital, he gave up the business and is now a member of the firm known as the Gorham Printing Company, besides handling advertising for several Swedish newspapers.

Mr. Anderson was married Aug. 26, 1903, to Mamie Johnson, daughter of Julius Johnson, born at Kiron, Ia., Aug. 6, 1880. Their home is brightened by the presence of their first born, a son, Vincent Gaylord.

MARTIN ANDERSON

was born Nov. 11, 1859, in Tanum parish, Bohuslän, Sweden. At the age of fourteen he went to Christiania where he learned the baker's trade from his uncle. After a period of five years he became a journeyman and then emigrated to this country, arriving in Chicago in 1880.

After working four years for a German baker, he formed a partnership with Hans Lystad, a comrade from his Christiania days. Their bakery was at 115 Sedgwick st., where they had a force of four men. Before long the business grew to such proportions that they moved to 296–298 E. Division st., where about fifty men are employed. Mr. Lystad died about 1901 and Mr. Anderson purchased his share in the business.

In 1890 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Emma Lystad, a sister of his partner.



MARTIN ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson is a charter member of King Oscar Lodge of Masons.

AXEL MELLANDER

was born March 26, 1860, in Brönnestad, Skåne, Sweden, whence

his parents moved the year following to Mellby parish. At his tenth year he had to leave home



AXEL MELLANDER

and earn his own living. Converted at the age of fifteen years, he was enabled by the aid of Christian friends to study and then became a primary school teacher. Continuing his studies at the normal school in Lund 1877–78, he could not reconcile himself to the religious views taught there. He thereupon studied with private tutors in the same city until 1879 when he emigrated to America.

After having resided with relatives in Fremont, Ia., Mr. Mellander secured admittance the next year to the theological class in Ansgarius College at Knoxville, Ill. In 1881 he was ordained to the ministry in the Swedish Mission Covenant. Rev. Axel Mellander had pastorates in Lowell, Mass., in 1881, in Boston, 1882, in Frewsburg, N. Y., and Scandia, Pa., 1883. In the fall of 1884 he accepted a call to the Mission Friends congregation in North Easton, Mass. Two years later Rev. Mellander became editor of *Minneapolis Veckoblad*, a post he retained for three years. During 1889–92 he was pastor of the Iron Mountain, Mich., Mission Friends church. In the fall of 1892 he became a teacher in the Mission Covenant's theological school, then in Minneapolis. When the seminary removed to Chicago in 1894 and became North Park College, Prof. Mellander went with it and has since been one of the leading members of the faculty.

For several years he edited the covenant's newspaper *Missionären*, now defunct. In 1901 Professor Mellander traveled through southern Europe, Egypt and Palestine. The results of his observations and studies on that trip are laid down in a book, "Genom bibelns länder." Besides the above, he has written the following books and pamphlets: "Lifvet, döden och evigheten," "Profetskolorna i Israel," and "Betänkande i kongregationalistfrågan."

Rev. Axel Mellander was married Aug. 22, 1884, to Erika A. Garberg. They have had four children of whom one son, Enoch Theophilus, born 1890, survives.

HERMAN WILLIAM HANSON

was born on Tjörn, an island in the Kattegat, Bohuslän, Sweden, on May 7, 1847. His parents were Hans Anderson and Annika

Johansdotter. After studying the rudiments at public school, he went at the age of twelve years to Göteborg in order to earn his living. Four years later he went to Stockholm where he had a place in the office of his brother, a baker by trade.

In 1867 William emigrated to America and came to Chicago, where he learned the machinist's trade which he followed until 1872. Mr. Hanson opened a store where he sold sewing machines and tailors' trimmings, remaining in this business a quarter of a century. In 1899 he went into the real estate and insurance business, entering into partnership with Fred Anderson in 1904. He is now in business for himself at 1889 N. Clark st.

Mr. Hanson is a well-known man among the Mission Friends, having joined the North Side Mission Church in 1875. For the last seven years he has been a member of the Lake View Swedish Mission Church. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Swedish Home of Mercy for three years. He is a stalwart Republican and was active in politics in the old 23d ward for fifteen years.

Mr. Hanson was married June 16, 1872, to Mathilda Gustafson, born Dec. 19, 1851, at Kilaberg, Östergötland, Sweden. They have been blessed with five children.

ERNEST GEORGE DAHL

was born Sept. 30, 1870, in the town of Halsberg, Nerike, Sweden, where his father, a mason contractor, is still living. When a boy he sold newspapers and periodicals after school hours, thereby earning enough money to pay his fare to the United States. He came to Chicago as a youth of sixteen, and was first employed



ERNEST GEORGE DAHL

as a rattan and reed worker. After four years he was given charge of a department of seventy workmen in the plant of the McKinley Manufacturing Company, Hoyne ave. and Van Buren st.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war with Spain, in May, 1898, Mr. Dahl enlisted in the Astor Battery of New York City. During the war he saw active service in the Philippines, participated in the capture of Manila, and served through the campaign until the battery was mustered out of service the following year. Upon his return and honorable

discharge he made a visit to his old home in Sweden.

From that time Mr. Dahl has been engaged as a commercial salesman, traveling through many of the leading states in the Union for three of the largest concerns in their line, including the Pacific Coast Borax Company. When this company some years ago sent its famous "twenty mule team" through the country on an advertising campaign, it was Mr. Dahl, who directed the movements of the unique expedition.

In 1899 he was the promoter and organizer of the Swedish American Veterans Association, which was chartered by the state, and for four successive years he was elected its commander. During the presidential campaign of 1900 he organized and was chosen captain of a company of Republican veterans of the Spanish-American war in a regiment organized by Gen. Ed. C. Young.

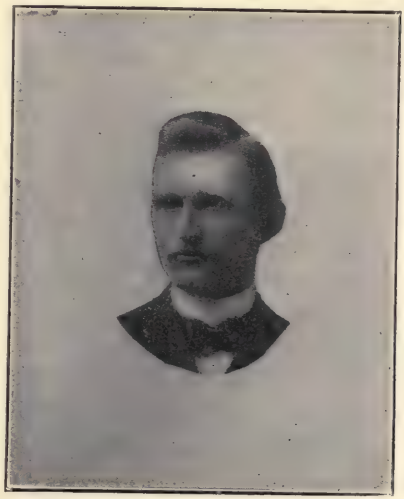
Mr. Dahl was married on Dec. 24, 1903. He is now conducting an office as a manufacturers' agent at 43 South Water st.

OSCAR G. OLSON

was born March 24, 1864, in Stockholm, Sweden. When he was two years of age his parents came to this country and settled in Chicago. The son received his early training here and subsequently a medical education in the Kentucky School of Medicine. Dr. Olson is now following the profession in Chicago where he has lived for the past fourteen years. He was county physician of North Chicago from 1894 to 1898 and has also been on the staff of the Swedish Mercy Hospital at Bowmanville. His office is at 3616 N. Clark st.

CARL LUNDBERG,

state senator from the eleventh district of Illinois, was born in Kalmar, Sweden, May 20, 1868. He was educated in the common schools in the city of his birth,



CARL LUNDBERG

and then learned the trade of carpentry. When eighteen years old, he came to Chicago from Sweden. Before long he became active in labor circles and joined the Carpenters' Union No. 28. Later he went into the real estate business in partnership with his brother, Gust. Lundberg, former county commissioner, and since the latter's death he has carried on the business alone. He is also

a director of the Englewood Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Lundberg has taken an active interest in politics and repeatedly been honored with public office. In 1896, when Republican success seemed hopeless in the town of Lake, he was nominated for supervisor and elected. As his acquaintance increased, he continued to grow in public favor, until in 1902 he was made the choice of his party for state senator, was elected by an overwhelming majority and is serving in that capacity with credit to himself and his party.

Mr. Lundberg is a member of the order of Odd Fellows, the Cook County Rebecca Society, the North American Union, the Iduna Society, the North Star, and the Masonic Order, being a thirty-second degree Mason. He also belongs to the Hamilton Club, the Englewood Men's Club and the Swedish-American Republican Club of his ward, of which latter he is the president. He lives at 5951 Sangamon st.

LOUIS J. LUNDAHL

was born in Moline, Ill., April 18, 1869, and spent his early youth in that vicinity. After finishing the studies offered by the public schools, he took a course at Augustana College in the adjacent city of Rock Island. At the age of seventeen he devoted himself to the trade of a painter and decorator, in which his brother, F. A. Lundahl, was already engaged. Accompanying his brother, he has assisted in decorating a large number of Swedish Lutheran churches throughout the United States.

Mr. Lundahl is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and also has a membership in the



LOUIS J. LUNDAHL

Modern Woodmen of America, the Improved Order of the Red Men, and the Royal League.

OLOF A. TOFFTEEN,

professor of Semitic Languages and Biblical Literature at the Western Theological Seminary, was born at Hexarfve, on the island of Gotland, June 26, 1863. Having finished at the common school, he entered the public college at Visby in 1881, completing the course in half the time usually required. In 1885 he took up university studies at Upsala and before long passed the preliminary examination in Semitic and Classical languages, philosophy and history, as a candidate for the doctor's

degree. After two years he interrupted his philosophical and theological studies by accepting a



OLOF A. TOFFTEEN

position as adjunct pastor at Hafdem, Gotland, and in 1888 left for the United States. He then entered Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island, but did not long remain there. He was ordained to the ministry of the American Episcopal Church in 1893, in Galesburg, Ill. The year prior he had assumed pastoral charge of and founded the Swedish Episcopal Churches of Minneapolis, where he labored for several years. At the state university, in the meantime, he continued his studies of oriental languages, issued several minor religious publications, a voluminous work entitled "Våra Fäders Kyrka" and "Myths and Bible."

In 1902 Rev. Toffteen came to Chicago and took up studies at the University of Chicago, while engaged in pastoral work. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon him in 1905 by that institution. The same summer he was elected professor of Semitic Languages and Biblical Literature at the Western Theological Seminary in Chieago, and the next summer he was appointed, in the absence of Robert Francis Harper, to conduct his classes in Assyriology at the University of Chicago.

There was published recently from the University of Chicago Press the first volume of a work by Dr. Toffteen, entitled, "Ancient Chronology" and also Volume V. of "Ancient Records of Egypt," both of which are scholarly results of the author's researches. He has this year published the first volume of a third orientalist work, "Researches in Assyrian and Babylonian Geography."

Dr. Toffteen is the founder of the Oriental Society, comprising seventy members, and is curator of the same. The Hibbard Egyptian Library, worth approximately $20,000, has been collected largely through his efforts, and at the seminary a post-graduate department has been established by him.

In the year 1891 Dr. Toffteen was married to Maria Nitilia Russell.

WILLIAM HENSCHEN,

editor of *Sändebudet*, was born April 11, 1842 in Upsala, Sweden. His parents were district administrator Lars Wilhelm Henschen and his wife Augusta Munck af Rosenschöld.

After several years of private instruction, he was entered at the cathedral school at Upsala in 1850. He graduated from the University of Upsala on Dec. 9, 1857, finished his doctorate studies in 1862, and, after a defense of his thesis in May, 1863, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Dr. Henschen subsequently pursued scientific and medical studies for three years at the universities of Upsala and Berlin. In 1866 he was appointed special teacher at the Lund collegiate institute and in 1867 he became an instructor in the Helsingborg collegiate institute.



WILLIAM HENSCHEN

Emigrating in September, 1870, to the United States, he settled in Florida. After two years he went to New York, where he became in October, 1873, editor of *Nordstjernan*. From June, 1874, until August, 1875, Dr. Henschen was editor and part owner of *Norden*.

Dr. Henschen joined the Methodist Church in the spring of 1875. The following September, the moved to Chicago. He now became a teacher in the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary and also editor of *Sändebudet*, the church organ, serving in the latter position until September, 1882, when he resigned. A year later he withdrew from the seminary and became pastor of the Jamestown, N. Y., church. He passed the winter of 1884 in southern Florida. The next spring Dr. Henschen left for Sweden, where he labored as editor and teacher in Stockholm and Upsala until 1889. Returning to this country, he has ever since been editor of *Sändebudet*, with the exception of four years, when he was pastor of the Swedish M. E. Church at Galva, Ill.

Dr. Henschen was in 1868 united in marriage with Hilda Johanna Maria Liljebjörn. They have had eleven children, of whom the seven surviving ones are: Henry Samuel Henschen, cashier of the State Bank of Chicago, Gustave E. Henschen, a physician in Georgetown, Tex., Mrs. Signe Elizabeth Reese, Mrs. Ellen Augusta Herbert, Mrs. Hanna Linnea Grant, Agnes Lillian Henschen and Hilda Irene Henschen.

SAMUEL E. CARLSSON

was born Feb. 10, 1864, in Chicago. He is the younger son of Rev. Erland Carlsson and Eva Charlotta Carlsson, née Anderson. His mother, who came from Timmelhed, Sweden, in 1851, was married in 1855, and is still in

vigorous health. His father, of whom a sketch is given in this work, died Oct. 19, 1893.



SAMUEL E. CARLSSON

Samuel went to Andover in 1875 with his parents. After a preparation of three years he entered Augustana College in 1878. During the year 1881–82 he taught public school at Andover. Graduating in 1883, he continued as a post-graduate until the spring of 1884, when he moved to Lindsborg, Kansas. Here he served for a time as a bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Lindsborg, and then became assistant cashier and a stockholder in the Farmers' State Bank in the same town.

Mr. Carlsson in 1887 left for Chicago, where he was employed by the Pullman Company in the capacity of department chief in charge of bank, pay-roll and rent accounts. The following year he went to Rock Island, assisting his father in his work as business manager of Augustana College from January, 1888, until June, 1889. After a short visit to Lindsborg, he returned to Chicago, where from 1890–97 he held the same position as before with the Pullman Co.

Mr. Carlsson was married in 1888 to Mathilda M. Edberg. Mrs. Carlsson died July 10, 1897, in Chicago.

In 1898 Mr. Carlsson became a stockholder in *Fosterlandet* and also its manager. Two years later he, together with John E. Norling, bought *Svenska Tribunen* and became the president of the Swedish Pub. Co. In 1901 he sold his interests and engaged in the linotype composition business. Changing to the piano trade, he was the secretary and treasurer of the I. O. Nelson Piano Co., subsequently going to the Cable–Nelson Piano Co. in the capacity of manager.

Mr. Carlson is an enthusiast, who has been active in Swedish and other musical circles. He was the first director of the Augustana Orchestra (1880–84), the first director (1884) of the Lindsborg Orchestra, which subsequently became the Bethany College Orchestra, director of the Immanuel Church Orchestra, director of the Immanuel Church Choir 1890–98, and first violinist for three years in a string quartette. Mr. Carlsson is violinist of the Carlsson Trio, founded in 1907. Since the fall of 1904 he has been leader of the Rogers Park English Lutheran Church Choir. In 1907 he directed the choir's performance

of the cantata "Faith and Praise," by Caleb West. He is also leader of the Male Chorus of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church.

On June 10, 1898, Mr. Carlsson was united in marriage with Pearl B. Lockwood, daughter of J. B. Curtis, a physician of Lindsborg. Mrs. Carlsson's children by a former marriage are: Lillian Minnie Carlsson, born Dec. 17, 1892, and Mary Maud Carlsson, born July 2, 1895. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlsson have been born Ethel Vivian Carlsson, May 8, 1901, and Edith Audrey Carlsson, June 23, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlsson are members of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rogers Park.

ANDERS SCHÖN,

journalist, historian and biographer, was born Nov. 17, 1864, in Regnsjö parish, Gefleborgs län, Sweden. In both of his ancestral families there were military men for several generations back, some of whom were non-commissioned officers in the Helsing regiment. On the father's side there were several teachers of the public schools. The great-grandfather, Johan Schön, fought with distinction in the battle of Oravais, Sept. 14, 1808, received a medal for bravery and was promoted sergeant. He died at a ripe old age in the early sixties. The parents were Jonas Schön, schoolmaster and organist, and his wife Margareta, née Westling. The son was reared in poverty, his father having died before the child was born. He was for some time unable to follow his studious bent, but managed ultimately to take a seminary course fitting him for teaching. In 1883 he obtained his first position as teacher in a primary school and three years later was promoted to an advanced grade of the people's schools. On spare time he acted as extra clerk in the office of the länsman and as assistant teacher of an evening school for the study of political economy and civil government. About that time he became a contributor to the newspapers and served as local correspondent to *Norrlands-Posten* of Gefle. The clerkship gave him a taste for the public service, and to obtain the training required for the position of crown bailiff, or länsman, he entered the police service of Stockholm in 1887. He was promoted from extra officer to the regular service, but disliking the duties of a policeman, he shortly resigned.



ANDERS SCHÖN

The outlook for advancement either in the schools or in the government service being far from alluring, he abandoned both fields, determined to brave fortune in the New World and emigrated in the fall of 1889, reaching New York on the 22nd of September. During his first two years in the United States he was employed as a common laborer in various trades, often at meager wages, and was put to the test in the manner customary to emigrants. In the meantime he studied English and sought to familiarize himself with the country and the condition of his fellow countrymen here. His first impressions were described in a series of letters to *Svenska Tribunen*. He came to Chicago in July, 1891, and worked here for three months at physical labor, until accepting a situation on the staff of *Hemlandet*, offered him on the strength of certain contributions of his to the paper. He has been connected with this same paper since Oct. 28, 1891, and has been acting editor-in-chief since the spring of 1903, Dr. Enander remaining only nominally at the head of the editorial department after his physical disability.

As a newspaper man Mr. Schön is conservative. Alive to the responsibility resting on organs of public utterance, he avoids newspaper fights and aims to promote unity and enlightenment among his countrymen and teach them to conserve their interests and treasure their national heritage. He dares believe that the Swedes are destined to make a specific contribution to the cultural development of this nation.

Aside from his work on the paper, Mr. Schön has done extensive literary work, made possible only by husbanding his time and denying himself almost all social pleasures. In 1895 he made a Swedish translation of W. H. Harvey's famous campaign book, entitled "Coin's Financial School," and in 1897 he translated Frederick Davis Greene's work on the Turkish atrocities in Armenia, the Swedish title being "Korset och halfmånen." The same year he edited "Bilder från Gamla Hemlandet," a book of views of Sweden, the next year a book of Spanish-American war pictures, with descriptive text, and in 1900, "Panorama öfver Amerika," the three being published by the Hemlandet Company. He was one of the members of a literary society who originated the annual *Prärieblomman* and has edited a series of nine volumes of this publication, himself contributing several historical articles and a large number of biographies.

In the monthly *Ungdomsvännen*, of which Mr. Schön has been associate editor since 1900, appeared in 1901–3, in serial form, the first and second parts of his history of the New Sweden colony, under the caption: "Svenskarne i Delaware. De första svensk-amerikanernas politiska och kyrkliga historia samt deras seder och hemlif." This work Prof. George T. Flom of the State University of

Iowa has characterized as "the most thoroughgoing investigation of the later history of the colony that we have." Mr. Schön has a fair-sized Swedish-American historical collection. He has rendered valuable service as one of the compilers of the "History of the Swedes of Illinois." Mr. Schön was one of the organizers of the Swedish Historical Society of America and served as its secretary the first two years.

For six years, 1897-1903, he was a member of the executive committee of the Illinois Conference and served for three years, 1905–1908, on the board of directors of the conference orphanage at Joliet. In 1899 he was chosen one of the directors of the Augustana Book Concern and still serves by dint of successive reelections. He has served as secretary of the board since 1901. He was one of the Swedish-American members of the Swedish exposition committee which promoted the erection of Sweden's building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1904, and personally he raised $1,100 for the care and maintenance of said building. He has been elected honorary member of several societies.

On Nov. 12, 1892, Mr. Schön was married to Miss Anna Nilsson, a native of Vermland, Sweden. They have a daughter and two sons. One son died in infancy. The living children are: Inez Maria Eleonora, Einar Bengt Valdemar and Birger Erik Engelbrekt.

SIGNE ANKARFELT

was born at Hof, near the city of Vexiö, Sweden, April 5, 1858. The parents were Johan Olof Liedberg and his wife Louise, née Ruuth. As a young man her father came to this country in 1843, settling near Jefferson, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farm



SIGNE ANKARFELT

ing and lumbering, subsequently locating in New Orleans as a lumber merchant. In 1848 he joined a party bound for Oregon. In Utah they learned of the discovery of gold in California. The hardships of the journey caused them to abandon the original plan. After crossing the Sierras the party scattered, and Liedberg was one of the first to engage in "gold-picking," as it was first called, after the discovery of the precious metal had been reported. He returned to Sweden, via Panama, Cuba and Philadelphia, in 1852, but came back to this country in

1875 and located in Chicago, where he died in 1886.

The daughter Signe was given a thorough education from childhood. As a young girl she was thrown largely upon her own resources, owing to the financial reverses of her father. Resolved to become a teacher, she went to Germany and Switzerland for study. After two years spent mostly at a school in St. Blaise, Neuchatel, she went to Paris and thence to Rugby, England. Through the influence of friends she obtained a position as teacher, first at Boroughbridge and later at Helensburg, near Glasgow. Failing health compelled her to leave the rugged Scotch climate, and after some time spent in Switzerland and Italy and with friends in Sweden, she joined her parents in Chicago in July, 1882. After six years, she became the wife of F. W. Ankarfelt, a printer by trade, and then publisher of *Kurre*, a comic weekly.

While Mrs. Ankarfelt modestly disclaims the title of authoress, stating that she has done some writing for pastime rather than as a literary vocation, yet the products of her leisure hours betray talent of no inferior order. She has been a contributor to newspapers in Sweden, including *Idun*, the woman's journal, and to Swedish newspapers and periodicals in this country, chiefly *Prärieblomman*, *Valkyrian* and *Ungdomsvännen*. Her knowledge of English, first acquired during her residence in Great Britain, enables her to handle that language with skill in prose and verse. When the Linné monument was unveiled she wrote a festal ode upon which she was highly complimented in the press. Mrs. Ankarfelt has a profound love of nature, and this characteristic is revealed especially in her verses and in a number of fascinating prose sketches in fable and fairy-tale form. In *Prärieblomman* for 1906 there is an extremely interesting sketch by her of her father's adventures and experiences as a pioneer.

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CARL P. EDBLOM,

pastor of the Augustana Synod and now in charge of its church



CARL PETER EDBLOM

at Andover, was born at Stamåren, Dals Ed, Sweden, Sept. 14, 1862. His father, who was a farmer and miller, moved to Knipan and died there May 24, 1897, his mother, Kajsa Johansson, having gone before, on Sept. 9, 1891. His early schooling was obtained in the old country. In May, 1882, the young man of twenty landed as an immigrant at Philadelphia and proceeded to Minneapolis, where he lived for a year and a half. At New Year's, 1884, he was matriculated as a student at Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minn., graduating in May, 1891, with salutatorian honors with the college class. Thereupon he took up the study of theology at Augustana Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in the spring of 1893 as a candidate for the ministry. Upon being ordained shortly afterward, he began his pastoral labors in Aurora. In December, 1894, he removed to Escanaba, Mich., in May, 1898, to Batavia, and in January, 1906, to Andover, where he is now stationed.

While in Batavia, Rev. Edblom served on the board of the West Batavia public schools for six years. He has been for five years a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Conference Orphans' Home at Joliet and now at Andover Orphans' Home. Always a Republican, Rev. Edblom cast his first vote for James G. Blaine.

Rev. Edblom entered matrimony Jan. 1, 1895, the bride being Miss Anna Gustava Challman, daughter of Rev. Andrew Challman of Batavia. To Rev. and Mrs. Edblom have been born six children, five of whom survive, viz., Carl Gustav, born 1897, Esther Dorothy Charlotte, 1898, Andrew Theodore, 1901, David Rob-

ert, 1902, and Evelyn Elizabeth, 1904.

JOHN A. FAIR

was born Feb. 27, 1858, in Andover. He is a farmer, the son



JOHN AUGUST FAIR

of a farmer. His father, Gustaf Fair, one of the oldest settlers in Andover, having arrived there in 1854, was known as the "farmer poet," and contributed to some of the Augustana church papers. The son has inherited his father's taste for church work.

Mr. John August Fair belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church and has served as a deacon for many years. He has also been organist of the church.

In local public affairs he is also active, having been a school trustee for a long time.

Mr. Fair is married to Miss Hulda Carlson. They have two children, Joseph Arnold and Lillian M.

FRANK O. SANDSTEN

was born Feb. 9, 1844, in Misterhult parish, Kalmar län, Sweden. He emigrated in 1867 and settled in Moline. During the past twenty-three years he has resided in Andover, Ill., and there has successfully engaged in the business of a building contractor. Other places in which he has done contract work are Woodward, Iowa, and Wayne, Neb. He has now retired.

Mr. F. O. Sandsten is the son of Samuel Sandsten, a farmer of Misterhult, and his wife, Catharina Sandsten. He has visited his old home once since his emigration.

Mr. Sandsten is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church.



FRANK OSCAR SANDSTEN

He has served in the capacity of a justice of the peace of Andover.

VICTOR SETTERDAHL,

who was for many years pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church



VICTOR SETTERDAHL

in Andover, was born in Oppby, Sweden, Jan. 20, 1844. His parents, M. Anderson and his wife Catharina Larson, were farmers. At twenty years of age, Mr. Setterdahl emigrated and lived for a year in Andover, then entered Augustana College and Theological Seminary at Paxton, studying there 1865–68 and 1870–73 and was graduated as a candidate for the ministry the year last named. After his ordination the same year he served as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran churches in Rock Island, Orion, Lockport and Joliet, before accepting a like charge in Andover. His longest terms of service have been at Orion, for ten years, and at Andover, for over seventeen years.

In the year 1905 Rev. Setterdahl resigned the Andover pastorate to assume charge of the church at Chesterton, Indiana.

May 5, 1874, Rev. Setterdahl was married to Miss Albertina Larson, of Swedona, Ill., a daughter of Gustaf and Catharina Larson, born March 16, 1853. They have a family of five children: Victor E., born May 30, 1875, married to Miss Edith Hanaway of Meadville, Pa., Etta C., born Oct. 2, 1877; Fred N., born Dec. 7, 1884; Violet E., born May 8, 1887, and Naomi C. A., born Aug. 5, 1889.

Rev. Setterdahl, during his long service as a minister of the Gospel in the Augustana Synod, has



ALBERTINA SETTERDAHL

been elected to various offices of honor and trust in the church.

JONAS M. ANDERSON

was born April 20, 1857, in Skepperstad parish, Småland. He came to this country in 1872 and settled on a farm in La Porte co., Ind.

In 1890 he went to Cambridge, Ill., where he engaged in business with the firm of H. M. Wier, at which place he still remains.

Mr. Anderson has received public recognition in Cambridge, having been chosen alderman, in which capacity he has served for many years. He is a director of the First National Bank of Cambridge and also a director of the Electric Light and Power Co. of the same place. He is likewise secretary of the Citizens' Mutual Telephone Co. For thirteen years the subject of this sketch has belonged to the Illinois National Guard, in which he has served as a lieutenant for three years in Co. D, 6th Regiment.

Mr. Jonas M. Anderson, son of Johannes Anderson, a farmer in Sweden, was married at Andover April 5, 1883, to Miss Mathilda Sophia Lyon, the daughter of Andrew Lyon, a farmer of Andover. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have three children, Ivar T., Henry S. and Eva Elizabeth.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the I. O. O. F.

SVEN J. CHILBERG

was born Oct. 6, 1843, in Kisa, Sweden. When but a mere child of scarcely six years his parents, Nils M. and Margaret Elizabeth, emigrated to this country. Then, in 1849, the sea voyage was quite an undertaking, and their party required two months for the trip. The family was bound for the West and reached what is now known as Swedona by river, canal and wagon. They were the first Swedes to settle in Mercer co., Illinois.

Mr. Sven Chilberg received his early training in the county public



SVEN JACOB CHILBERG

schools. In the summer of 1861 he enlisted in Co. C, 43d Ill. Vol. Infantry, returned, and was discharged at Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 30, 1865, reaching home Christmas eve of the same year.

He was appointed postmaster at Cambridge by President Benjamin Harrison and served for four years. His present appointment as postmaster was made by President William McKinley.

He belongs to the Order of Masons, the G. A. R. and the A. O. U. W.

Mr. Chilberg married Miss Margaret Lafferty in 1870. Their daughter, Martha P., is assistant postmaster in Cambridge, and their son, Nelson Guy, is an artist with the Illinois Engraving Co. in Chicago.

NICHOLAS A. HAGG

was born Sept. 22, 1851, in Hjelmseryd, Småland, Sweden. He came



NICHOLAS A. HAGG

to this country in 1871 and settled in Henry co., Ill. His early training, received in the public school of his fatherland, was thorough, and hence he had a good foundation for prosperity in his adopted country. At present he successfully conducts a real estate and loan business, and is a member of the State Bank of Cambridge.

Mr. Hagg organized the first Swedish "marknad" or county fair held in Cambridge. He himself lives on a farm and owns much land to the south of Cambridge.

In politics Mr. Hagg is a Democrat and a strong believer in free trade. He belongs to many different societies.

JOHN L. HULL

was born Nov. 3, 1850, in Hultsfred, Sweden. He attended the public schools there. In 1869 he emigrated and settled in Cambridge, Ill. Shortly after his arrival in this country he began work in a brick and tile factory, which had recently been established. He soon became manager of the plant and in 1890 purchased a half interest in the business, which now continued under the firm name of Cook & Hull. In 1891 Mr. Hull became sole owner. From small beginnings and handpower, an engine of 80 horsepower and other improvements have been introduced. The product of the factory is superior and finds a ready market.

Mr. Hull is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church, in



JOHN L. HULL

which he has served as trustee and treasurer for twenty years. He has held several positions of public trust: supervisor of Cambridge township for ten years; school director of the Public School

for the same period, and has served on the town and county committees of the Republican party for a number of years. At the present time he is vice-president of Cambridge State Bank and vice-president of Henry County Agricultural Board.

Oct. 12, 1875, Mr. Hull was married to Miss Josephine C. Lyons, born in America. Their four children are, Lettie V., Edwin C., Emeline S. and Ernest L.

Mr. Hull belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Mystic and Fraternal Tribune and North Star.

FRANK H. STREED

was born March 2, 1857, in Andover township. The parents are Sven P. Streed, a farmer in Andover township, and his wife Anna S. (Nelson) Streed. Frank remained at home as a farmer until 1890, when he went to Ulah. He there engaged in the grain business for thirteen years, after which he settled in Cambridge, Ill., was engaged by the New York Life Insurance Co. and became interested in the real estate business. He is also land and emigration agent of the C., R. I. and P. R. R. and a justice of the peace of Cambridge.

Mr. Streed belongs to the order of Odd Fellows.

He married Miss Julia Griffen, a daughter of Henry Griffen, a farmer of Andover township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Streed are Henry G. and Eugene F.

NELS F. ANDERSON

was born Feb. 11, 1858, in Ystad, Sweden. He emigrated in November, 1872, and settled in Galesburg, Ill., where he attended Knox College from which he graduated in 1882. Some time was spent in Chicago, and in 1886 Mr. Nels Anderson was admitted to the bar at Ottawa, Ill. He is now one of the prominent lawyers of Galva and at present is city attorney of that place.

Mr. Anderson belongs to the Masonic lodge of Galva and the Kewanee Club of Kewanee, Illinois.

ALBERT ERIC BERGLAND

was born Nov. 9, 1869, in Henry co., Ill. The father, Jonas Bergland, emigrated with his own father, the Rev. Mr. Andrew Bergland, who was one of the first pioneers of the Bishop Hill Colony.

Mr. Albert Eric Bergland is a prominent lawyer of Galva. His professional training was received in Knox College, in Galesburg, and in the law department of the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in 1894.

On March 14, 1898, he was married to Miss Pearl Hendricks, daughter of Dr. William Hendricks, formerly of Galva. Their one child is Martha Helen.

Since his graduation in 1894, Mr. Bergland has been practicing law in Galva. He belongs to the Elks.

NELS AUGUST CARLSON

was born Dec. 22, 1863, near Ystad, Sweden. He emigrated in



NELS AUGUST CARLSON

1882 and immediately settled in Galva, Ill., where at present he is engaged as manager of a lumber yard. Besides his regular business he has many other interests, that of writing poetry being foremost. In 1893 he published a volume of poems entitled "Hoppets behag och andra dikter." Some years ago he secured prizes in a poetical contest instituted by Minneapolis *Veckoblad*.

Although Mr. Carlson has attended no school in this country, he has through indefatigable efforts so far mastered the English as to make successful translations from Swedish into English and vice versa. Among his translations is one of Thomas Campbell's "Pleasures of Hope."

Mr. Carlson is a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge and Valhalla Lodge No. 31, Independent Order of Svithiod, of which he is president since its organization, also of the Encampment and Rebekha branches of the I. O. O. F.

He has been town clerk of Galva township for four years and has been elected to the city council.

EBEN OSCAR ENGSTRAND

was born Nov. 17, 1867, in Monmouth, Ill. He is the son of J. M. Engstrand, a shoedealer in Galva. Mr. Eben Engstrand has steadily been gaining prominence, both in business and municipal affairs. He is now manager of the E. W. Houghton Lumber Yard Co. and has been city clerk of Galva for several years and village trustee for six years.

Mr. Eben Engstrand was married to Miss Jessie Arvidson, daughter of a retired farmer of Galva, on Sept. 15, 1892. Their two children are, Neal L. and Charles L.

Mr. Engstrand is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

JONAS M. ENGSTRAND

was born Feb. 15, 1841, in Tveta parish, Småland, Sweden. He enjoyed practically no schooling and in 1852, when his father, N. P. Anderson, died, the son was apprenticed to a shoemaker, to help earn a living for the family which was left almost destitute. He emigrated in 1864, reaching Castle Garden on Aug. 15, destined for Galesburg, Ill. He left a few days later for Blockfield,

Missouri, but soon returned to this state, settling permanently at Galva, in 1871, after living in turn at Galesburg and Monmouth.



JONAS MAGNUS ENGSTRAND

Since his arrival in this country Mr. Engstrand has been in the shoe business, meeting with success in a mercantile way, barring the misfortune of being burned out three different times.

Mr. Engstrand was married to Miss Anna Lundquist in 1867. Of their seven children but five survive: Eben Oscar, born 1867; Esther M., born 1873; Lillie O., born 1875; Annette, born 1883; and Ernest LeRoy, born 1887.

Mr. Engstrand figures prominently in church work. In the Swedish Lutheran congregation to which he belongs he acted as Sunday school superintendent and treasurer for years.

The son Eben Oscar was married to Miss Jessie Arvidson in 1892, the daughter Esther to Byron Kennedy in 1902, and the second daughter Lillie to L. W. Barlow in 1899.

JOHN A. LARSON,

secretary and treasurer of the Herdien Coal Company, Galva, Ill., was born in Frinnaryd parish, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 27, 1857. He came with his parents to America in 1868 and had the advantage of fifteen months instruction in the public schools of this country. He studied and mastered book-keeping and has held a position in the office of the aforesaid coal company since its organization in 1877.

He is an expert checker player, having won second prize in the



JOHN A. LARSON

state tournament at Decatur, Ill., in 1906.

In 1902 he was married to Miss Amelia Anderson. They have two daughters, Jennie Amelia and Eva Margaret.

OSCAR WILLIAM LARSON

was born March 21, 1872, in Galva, Ill. He attended the pub-



OSCAR WILLIAM LARSON

lic schools in his home district. At present he is engaged in the manufacture of cigars. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and M. W. A., and is a member of the city council of Galva.

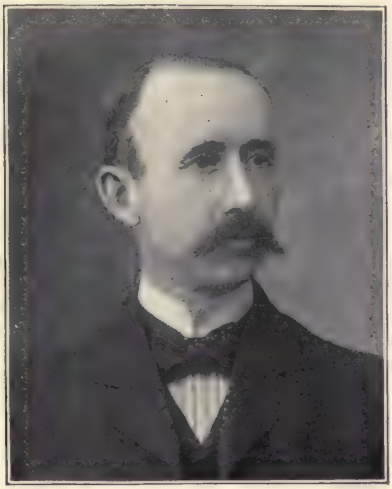
OSCAR M. PETERSON,

born Oct. 30, 1871, in Galva, Ill., is the son of Olaf L. Peterson, a furniture dealer of Galva, and Betzie Hanson Peterson. He attended the public schools of Galva and the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago. At present he is bookkeeper with Wistrands Manufacturing Co. in Galva and is township clerk.

Mr. Oscar Peterson belongs to Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen. He married Miss Anna Johnson and they have been blessed with three children; Florence, Joseph and Ada.

JOHN WILLIAMS

was born Aug. 15, 1862, in Dalsland. He emigrated in 1877 and



JOHN WILLIAMS

settled in Clinton, Iowa. His education was received in the public schools. Being of a practical turn of mind and possessing fine business ability Mr. Williams has been enabled to bring to a point of success the dry goods and clothing business of which he is the proprietor. He has one of the leading stores in that line in Galva.

In religious belief Mr. Williams is a Lutheran and is a member of I. O. O. F., K. of P., and M. W. of America.

VICTOR L. HEDMAN

was born in Östra Fernebo parish, Gestrikland, Sweden, March 10, 1861. He is the son of Jonas

Hedman, a smelter at the Gysinge Works. In 1880 he emigrated to America and settled in Henry



VICTOR L. HEDMAN

county, Ill., where he has since resided. Mr. Hedman attended the public schools of Sweden and spent two terms in the Collegiate Institute at Geneseo. By occupation he is a farmer, having spent the last eighteen years on a farm, but recently he has retired with the intention of going into the lumber business.

Mr. Hedman has large interests in land in Munson township and in Canada.

He was married March 13, 1888, to Miss Lovisa Wallin, daughter of Sven Wallin, from Kinneved parish, Vestergötland. Their two children are Hilda W. L., born May 5, 1889, and Harold W. E., born July 13, 1891.

The Swedish Lutheran Church of Geneseo has an invaluable member in Mr. Hedman. He has been a trustee and treasurer of the church for years. He is also a director of the Augustana Synodical Mission Board.

In municipal matters he has taken active part, serving as a school director for nine years and as road commissioner for six years.

GUNNER A. JOHNSON

was born May 7, 1863, in the city of Halmstad, Sweden. He emigrated in 1880, and soon after his arrival in America obtained employment near Geneseo as a farm hand. He worked on the farm three years, attending the village school during the winter months. In the fall of 1883 he began a



GUNNER A. JOHNSON

course of instruction in Prof. Waldo's school, after the completion of which he obtained a clerkship with the grocery firm of Green & Trauger of Geneseo, where he remained four years. Next Mr. Johnson was offered a position

with Diedrich & Lawrence, also in the grocery business. Here his energies made him invaluable to the firm, and after several changes he became a member of the well-known John Diedrich Co. He holds the position of vice-president. In 1900 a complete line of dry goods was added to the already large stock of groceries and queensware. More room was needed and accordingly an adjoining building was rented. The business was again enlarged in 1904 by the addition of a complete shoe department.

Mr. Johnson was married in Geneseo, Ill., June 3, 1887, to Miss Emma Engdahl, born Oct. 20, 1866. Of their four children but two survive: Aline Victoria Constance, born 1889, and Wendell Gunner, born 1901.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a Republican, in religion, a Lutheran. He and his family belong to the Swedish Lutheran Church, where he has served as a trustee since 1892.

Among the public-spirited men of Geneseo, Mr. Johnson is one of the foremost. He is ever ready to join in any movement calculated to be of public benefit. He is a member of the town central committee and of the public school board.

CARL J. LAGER,

son of John Lager and Maja Greta Swenson, was born in Lönsås parish, Sweden, April 23, 1854. He attended the people's school at Lönsås, then helped his father at tailoring and at seventeen years of age emigrated to America,



CARL J. LAGER

first settling in Princeton, Ill., afterward removing to Geneseo in 1875. Here on May 30, 1878, he married Miss Dora Larson, born Nov. 9, 1858. They have one child living, a daughter named Florence Ruth, born in 1891.

Mr. Lager is a clothing merchant, and head of the firm of Lager, Offerle & Co.

He is a Mason, a Knight Templar, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias and a Mystic Shriner. He holds the rank of Major in the Patriarchs Militant and has received the grand decoration of chivalry in the order. Mr. Lager is connected with the Unitarian Church, in which body he serves as treasurer. Politically he is a Democrat.

PETER A. LARSON

was born Aug. 3, 1863, in Frödinge parish, Småland, Sweden. Since his emigration to America



PETER A. LARSON

in 1868, he has resided successively in Geneseo, Orion, Omaha, and again finally in Geneseo.

Perhaps instincts inherited from his father, Lars Larson, who was a cabinet maker, led him to learn the carpenter's trade. In 1882 he began working for the firm of Munson and Olson, at Geneseo, after which he went to Omaha, Neb., and worked with the building contracting firm of John Hart for five years. Returning to Geneseo, he engaged in business as building contractor with Mr. Guttorm Olson as his partner. Among the larger contracts undertaken by the firm of Larson and Olson are, the L. and O. Block and the Hammond Library building of Geneseo. In 1905 he bought G. Olson's interest in the business.

Mr. Larson was married to Miss Christina Gustus in Omaha, June 4, 1889. Their children are: Clara L. A., Esther Helen, Sophia Ruth, Fred E., and Hazel Hildur.

Mr. Larson belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church of Geneseo and is a member of the Yeomen of America.

FRANK AUGUST PETERSON

was born Dec. 3, 1866, in Geneseo, Ill. He is the son of Jonas Peterson, a blacksmith of Geneseo, and his wife, Johanna Bengtsson. Besides attending Augustana College in Rock Island, Mr. August Peterson took the Normal



FRANK AUGUST PETERSON

School course at Geneseo. At present he is a druggist and has been in the drug business for some thirteen years. His one sister, Josephine, is married to

Mr. A. E. Norling of Geneseo; his only brother, Albert, is a druggist at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Mr. Frank Peterson belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church at Geneseo.

JOHN O. ANDERSON

was born March 10, 1859, in Högbo parish, Gefleborg län,



JOHN O. ANDERSON

Sweden. He emigrated in 1888, settling in Menominee, Michigan, and since 1893 has lived in Kewanee, Ill. He is a building contractor by vocation. His parents are Anders Johnson, a cabinet maker of Högbo and Karin Johnson.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church in which body he serves as trustee and treasurer.

Mr. John Anderson married Miss Ida Stam in 1890 in Norway, Mich. Their children are Lillie E., John H. and Carl N. A. The family residence is at 809 Willow st.

SWAN A. ANDERSON

was born Dec. 9, 1869, in Löderup parish, Skåne, Sweden. He arrived in this country in 1890, since which time he has been a building contractor at Kewanee. He is the son of Anders and Bella Jönson.



SWAN A. ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson has been very successful as contractor and, contemplating retiring from business, several years ago bought land in North Dakota, with a view to settling there. In 1895 he was married to Miss Anna Swanson of Galva.

ALFRED BURGQVIST

was born April 21, 1857, at Storfors iron mills, Vermland, Sweden, where his father, Nils Bergqvist, was a master blacksmith.

He emigrated in 1881 and made Kewanee his home. In Sweden he had attended a school of ar-



ALFRED BURGQVIST

chitecture and on reaching this country he chose the vocation of building contractor. He has been engaged in that business in Kewanee ever since.

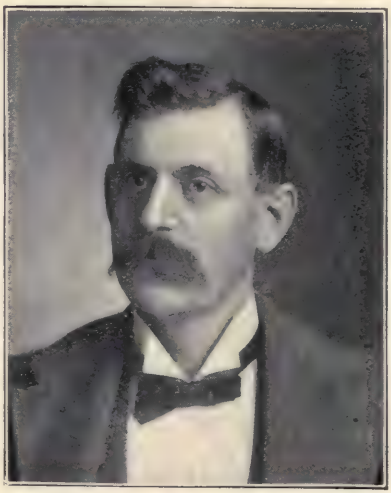
Mr. Burgqvist is a firm adherent of the Swedish Mission church, having been connected with it for the past thirty-one years, here and in the old country.

Mr. Burgqvist established a family Feb. 24, 1883, by marrying Miss Emma Charlotta Löfgren, born at Grythyttehed, Vermland, Oct. 27, 1860. Four sons and one daughter have been born to them, to wit: G. Alfred Mequin, born 1883; Emma Idalla Olivia, born 1887; A. R. Paul, born 1890; Spencer G. Emanuel, born 1894; F. A. Nathaniel, born 1897. Mr. Burgqvist's parents both passed away in the latter '90s.

FRITZ GAFVERT

was born June 19, 1865, in Gustafsfors, Vermland, Sweden. In 1893 he emigrated to America and settled in Kewanee, Ill. Here he soon established a lucrative business as contractor and builder, his success being the result of good practical training in Sweden.

Mr. Gafvert is a member of



FRITZ GAFVERT

M. U. O. A. and Independent Order of Svithiod.

ERNEST A. LAGERSTROM,

minister of the Swedish Baptist Church, was born Sept. 7, 1877, in Upsala, Sweden. His parents, Erick and Margaret Pehrson Lagerstrom, went to Chicago in 1881. The boy attended the public school for a short while, but had to leave when his father died in 1885. He

helped support the family by selling newspapers, and later became a cash boy and then auditing



ERNEST A. LAGERSTROM

clerk at Mandel Bros. Ten years were then spent as a printer with Rand, McNally & Co. During this period he united with Moody's Church and became president of the Y. P. S. C. E. and had charge of the open air meetings of that church. After three years he joined the First Swedish Baptist Church and was president of the B. Y. P. Union and assistant superintendent of the Junior League and of the Sunday school.

Mr. Lagerstrom then entered the Morgan Park Academy and later the Swedish Baptist Seminary at Morgan Park, where four years were spent. While yet a student he was a missionary at Akely, Nevis and White Oak, Minn., serving American missions.

After ordination, he became pastor of the Swedish Baptist Church at Kewanee, where he remained for a year. Since June, 1905, Mr. Lagerstrom has been pastor of the Swedish Baptist Church at Springfield, Mass. He is vice-president of New England Baptist Young People's Union.

Rev. Lagerstrom was married June 7, 1905, to Augusta S. Myhrman of Chicago, born Jan. 4, 1878.

EMIL NEWMAN

was born May 30, 1861, in Bjurkärn, Vermland, Sweden. He emigrated in 1886 and settled in Kewanee. Here he is engaged in business as a carpenter and



EMIL NEWMAN

contractor. In 1905 he retired from that business.

He belongs to the Swedish Congregational Church.

GUNNAR P. NORÉN

was born Dec. 21, 1862, in Ansås, Skåne, Sweden. He emigrated in

1886, with Minneapolis, Minn., as his destination. After due preparation in private schools here in



GUNNAR P. NORÉN

America, he entered the Emanuel Academy and later continued at Augustana College. Then he took up medical studies at the Keokuk Medical College, West Pennsylvania University, and in three different hospitals. He now practices his profession in Kewanee, Ill.

Dr. Norén was married in 1899 to Miss Emma Johnson of Minneapolis. Minn. Both are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Dr. Norén is connected with many medical societies, such as the Physicians' Club of Kewanee, of which he has been president, the Galva District Medical Society, Henry Co. Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

CARL A. NYSTRÖM

was born Jan. 26, 1869, in Tjellmo parish, Östergötland, Sweden. He came to America in 1892, and after residing at different places finally settled in Kewanee, Ill.

Mr. Nyström is at present in the business of manufacturing and selling heaters.

He belongs to the Masons, the Knights of Macabees, the Good Templars, the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel workers, of which he has been president for two terms, and also has been president of the local lodge of the Svithiod order.

In March, 1898, Mr. Nyström was married to Miss Jennie John-



CARL A. NYSTRÖM

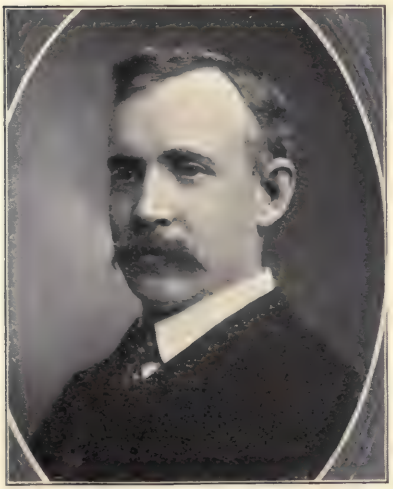
son. Their one child is a son, Carl Forest.

GUST STONEBERG

was born Dec. 14, 1860, in the city of Falun, Sweden. He

emigrated in 1880 and went direct to Kewanee, Ill., where he has since resided. He is by trade a molder and since 1893 has been foreman of Peter's Pump Co.

Mr. Stoneberg was elected alderman of the 4th ward in 1903. In the local lodge of the Svithiod order he has filled the office of treasurer. He was married in



GUST STONEBERG

1882 to Miss Kristina Oslund. They have four children.

PETER SWANSON

was born Feb. 8, 1861, in Skåne, Sweden. He emigrated in 1889 and spent one year in Michigan. The following year he moved to Kewanee since when he has been a permanent resident of that city.

Mr. Carlson is a carpenter contractor. He belongs to the Swedish Mission Church.



PETER SWANSON

OSCAR T. GUSTUS

was born Sept. 27, 1864, in Lynn tp., near Ophiem. His father, Nelson Gustus, born in Hvena, Småland, came to America in 1854, being among the emigrants of the first decade. His mother, Clara Magnuson Gustus, born in Sun, Östergötland, emigrated to this country in 1851. She was a sister of Mrs. L. P. Esbjörn. After being bedridden for ten years she died Aug. 3, 1888, at her home near Ophiem. Mr. Oscar Gustus took a two years' course in Western Normal College at Bushnell, Ill., in 1883–84. In 1887 he became part owner of Orion Mercantile Co. Moving to Denver, he went into the real estate business. Thence he removed to Page City, Kansas, where for seven years he was engaged in selling lands for the Union Pacific. Part of that time Mr. Gustus was the

publisher and editor of the Page City *Messenger*. During his stay in Kansas he was also employed



OSCAR THEODORE GUSTUS

by the Southwestern Swedish Town Site Co. and by Victor Rylander in handling real estate.

Returning to Illinois in 1896, he moved on his father's farm near Ophiem, where he has since been engaged in farming.

He has been a member of the Swedish Lutheran Churches at Ophiem, Page City and Swedona, generally serving as a trustee and frequently as secretary.

An independent Republican, he was the first secretary of the first Swedish-American Republican club organized in Henry county. He has repeatedly refused nominations for local political offices, except that of school director, which he has filled for a number of years.

Mr. Gustus was married July 25, 1889, to Miss Clara C. Johnson of Page City, Kans., born June 23, 1865, at Berwick, Warren co., Ill., whose parents, John G. and Karin Johnson, both died at their home in Page City during 1906, the mother on her eightieth birthday, Jan. 6, and the father in his seventy-ninth year, July 9. Mr. and Mrs. Gustus have three children, to-wit, Reuel Theron, 1890; Lyman Ellory, 1893; Gladys Opal, 1896.

With his brother, Prof. J. Edwin Gustus of Moline, he has recently purchased land near the city of Calgary, in Alberta, Canada, a territory now attracting many Swedish settlers, and later in the Pan Handle of Texas, near the city of Amarillo.

HANS P. OTTOSON,

Swedish Lutheran minister, now in charge of the Ophiem congre-



HANS PETER OTTOSON

gation, was born on the farm of his father, Otto Johannesson, at

Nössemark, Dalsland, Sweden, March 15, 1864. In the year 1888 Mr. Ottoson left his old home to strike out for himself in the New World. He lived at first in Chicago and then at Iron Mountain, Mich. Not long afterwards we find him as a student at Augustana College, Rock Island, where he was graduated from the theological seminary in the spring of 1897, being ordained minister a few days later, at the meeting of the Augustana Synod held at Moline. For nine years from the time of his ordination Rev. Ottoson was in charge of the old Swedish Lutheran Church of Knoxville. In 1906 he resigned this pastorate to take up that of Ophiem.

Rev. Ottoson was married Nov. 17, 1897, to Clara Amalia Lander, born June 5, 1868, daughter of J. O. Lander, one of the early Swedish settlers of Knoxville. The union has been blessed with four children, viz., Julia Magdalena, born 1900; Viola Georgiana, 1902; Ruth Linnea Elizabeth. 1904 and James Erland Gezelius, 1905.

CARL A. STEPHENSON,

the son of Stephen and Maria Stephenson, was born July 9, 1859, in Henry co., Ill. Having attended the public schools of Ophiem, he entered Augustana College and later studied at a Business College in Galesburg. Mr. Stephenson now conducts a general mercantile business in Ophiem and is at the same time postmaster of the town. This latter position he has held since 1887.

Mr. Stephenson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church



CARL A. STEPHENSON

at Ophiem and in this congregation he has served for many years as trustee and treasurer. He married Miss Hilda Carolina Peterson, daughter of C. J. and Maria Peterson. Their one child is Clarence, born April 6, 1892.

The family worships in the Swedish Lutheran Church in Ophiem. Mr. Stephenson has been a trustee and the treasurer for many years.

PER JOHAN BRODINE

was born in Hjelmsryd, Småland, Sweden, Oct. 12, 1846. He arrived in America together with his father, Carl Johan Brodine, in 1853, his mother having died while on the voyage across the ocean. They settled in Andover, Illinois.

In 1865 he enlisted in the U. S. army and was honorably discharged in 1866. He entered Augustana College, at Paxton, in 1869, the Augustana Theological Seminary in 1874 and was ordained in 1875. In 1902 the degree of D. D. was conferred on him by his Alma Mater.



PER JOHAN BRODINE

Dr. Brodine has been pastor of the Swedish Lutheran churches of Varna, Ill., 1875–1879, of Geneseo, Ill., 1879—1887, of Holdrege, Neb., 1887–1900 and of Orion, Ill., from 1900 until the present time.

He was a member of the board of directors of Luther Academy in Wahoo, Neb., 1888–1900 and president of the Nebraska Conference 1889–1893 and 1897–1901, a member of the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary 1900–1904, member of the Orphans' Home board and of the mission board of the Nebraska Conference in 1889–90, member of the mission board of the Illinois Conference in 1904–1905, and has served on the board of directors of the Orphans' Home at Andover, Ill., from 1901 to the present, since 1905 in the capacity of chairman.

In 1885 Brodine toured England and Sweden for study and recreation.

Dr. Brodine was married to Miss Lovisa Nordling July 8, 1875. Their children are: Petrus Emanuel, born 1877; Anna Paulina Lovisa, 1880; Carl August Philemon, 1881; Ellen Theodora and Gustaf Axel Theodor, 1885, and Signe Victoria Josephina, 1887. The eldest daughter is married to Mr. Elmer Theodor Anderson.

PETER WESTERLUND,

who has been a resident of Henry county since 1850, was born in the parish of Hassela, Helsingland, Sweden, Aug. 21, 1839. His father, Eric Westerlund, and his mother, Elizabeth Johnson, were among the early Swedish settlers in this locality.

The journey from Gefle, Sweden, to Andover consumed about six months' time. The voyage across the ocean was made in six weeks by sailing vessel. The party went from New York to Albany by steamboat, thence to Buffalo in freight-cars, to Chicago by steamboat, to Peru by canal-boat and from there on to Andover in wagons. Traveling by sea or land in those days was fraught with great peril and

privation. While on the Atlantic the mother and the youngest child of the family died and were



PETER WESTERLUND

buried at sea. The father with the five remaining children reached Andover in November, having started on the journey on the 25th of May.

Peter, then a boy of eleven, was hired out by his father to a farmer near Galesburg for four years, but at the end of two years he broke the contract and returned home.

Peter Westerlund was one of a party of seven Swedes who in 1859, at the time of the Pike's Peak gold craze, started out from the Andover neighborhood in quest of the precious metal. They visited the site of Denver when it was marked by only two small houses of frame, named respectively Aurora and Denver. Not finding what they sought, four of the party, including Peter Westerlund, proceeded southward to Albuquerque by oxteam, thence by boat to El Paso. These four, Andrew, Eric and Peter Westerlund and Peter Hall, are thought to have been the first white men to traverse this stretch of the Rio Grande River with its eight rapids and other perilous passages.

This was in 1860. Peter Westerlund remained for some time in the South, working in a lumber yard in El Paso. During this time he found that all through the southern states secret preparations for war were going on and so concluded to go back North, where he was struck with the unpreparedness of this section of the country for the coming conflict.

In 1865 Mr. Westerlund purchased his first 80 acres of land and went to farming on his own account. In time his farm was increased to one half section.

On Feb. 17, 1863, he was married to Miss Elnora C. S. Hultman. The six children born to them are: Oscar William, John A., Augusta Melinda, Emma E., deceased, Luther A. and Peter E.

In 1897 Mr. Westerlund retired, leaving the management of the farm to the two youngest sons, and made his home in Orion, where, with his son William, he founded the State Bank of Orion in 1882. He was vice-president from its inception and continues in that capacity since the bank has been merged with another similar institution in Orion.

For two terms Mr. Westerlund

has held the presidency of the village board. He has served some eight years as a member of the board of directors of Augustana College. For the past twenty years he has been treasurer of the Svea Mutual Protective Insurance Co. of Henry, Knox and Mercer counties, of which he was one of the organizers. He has also held different township offices, as school trustee and road commissioner. While a member of the old Andover church he served for eleven years as deacon and of the Orion church he has been a trustee for the past ten years.

The family to which Mr. Westerlund belongs is one of the most numerous in the state. From Eric Westerlund, now deceased, the family tree has branched out so as to comprise at present some 175 persons. A family reunion was celebrated at Orion in 1905, attended by 125 descendants. Mr. Westerlund is preparing the story of his early western trip and other reminiscences for publication.

GUSTAF A. SWANBURG,

pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Woodhull, was born April 23, 1857, at Näsby, Småland, where his parents, Carl Gustaf and Anna Maria Swanburg, lived on a farm. The son emigrated from Sweden in 1870 and followed various occupations up to 1882, when he began his studies at Augustana College at Rock Island. After seven years he graduated with the college class of '89. In the fall he entered Augustana Theological Seminary,



GUSTAF ALFRED SWANBURG

completed the divinity course in two years' time and was ordained to the ministry in the Augustana Synod at the synodical meeting in Chisago Lake, Minn., June 21, 1891. Having accepted a call to the churches in Lucas and Belinda, Iowa, he assumed his pastoral duties there the following month. His next field of activity was Chariton, Iowa, whence he removed to Woodhull in the year 1900.

WALTER A. OLSON

was born Sept. 2, 1872, in Wataga, Knox co., Ill. His father, L. W. Olson, emigrated from Sweden in 1849 at the age of ten with his parents. He became a farmer and a merchant in Wataga, held several public offices and died there Aug. 17, 1907. Walter

attended Wataga High School, Knox College in Galesburg and Augustana College in Rock Island. After Mr. Olson's graduation from the last named college in 1895, he temporarily engaged in mercantile business in Oneida. After eighteen months he purchased the Pike co. *Republican* of Pittsfield, of which he was editor and publisher for three years.

He was secretary for the Republican Central Committee of Pike co. for two years. In September, 1899, he left Pike co. for Woodhull where he became editor of the *Woodhull Dispatch*. This position he still holds. Mr. Walter Olson is an interested participant in local and county politics. He was mayor of Woodhull for one term and has served as president of the Swedish-American Republican Club of Henry co. Besides his strong political bent, he has literary aspirations and so, in company with two or three others successfully conducted a lecture course for four seasons.

Mr. Olson was married in 1896 and has a family of two children, De Forrest, a son of nine, and Ruth, a daughter of seven. Mr. Olson and family are members of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Order of Masons and Modern Woodmen in both of which he has held important offices.

It may be here noted that the introduction of electric lights and a water works system in Woodhull was due to the agitation of these matters through the Dispatch since Mr. Olson assumed editorial charge.

KNOX COUNTY

GALESBURG—ONEIDA—VICTORIA

A. W. BERGGREN

is emphatically a self-made man, having risen by his own efforts from an apprenticeship to exalted stations of honor and trust. He was born in Ockelbo parish, Sweden, Aug. 17, 1840, and is the



AUGUST WERNER BERGGREN

son of John and Karin (Hanson) Berggren. His father, a self-educated man, held several minor offices and looked after cases in courts, administering estates and the like. For thirteen years he ran a flouring mill. Afterwards he purchased a farm, on which he lived until he emigrated to this country in 1856.

The subject of this sketch is an example of the accomplishment of much in spite of limited educational advantages. He attended the village school in Sweden until he was fourteen years of age, living at the same time on a farm. Then he was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade. When the father decided to emigrate to this country he was obliged to pay the master tailor fifty riksdaler for the release of his son from the apprentice's contract.

Mr. Berggren first came to Oneida, Knox county, and then went to Victoria, where he found employment in the tailoring establishment of Jonas Hallström. He then came to Galesburg and worked at his trade, where opportunities were presented. In 1860 he moved to Monmouth, Warren county, and worked for Captain Denman, a merchant tailor of that place.

About the close of the war he returned to Galesburg and became a solicitor of life insurance. During these years he devoted considerable attention, with fair success, to music. He played the violin, became a leader of string bands in Galesburg and Monmouth, and arranged music for them.

Mr. Berggren, for no fault of his, lacks a military record. At the first call for volunteers to put down the Rebellion he went to Knoxville and joined the Swedish company, commanded by Captain Holmberg. Two companies were there: one composed of Americans; the other, of Swedes. The former was mustered into service; the latter disbanded. He then went back to Monmouth, where he remained

until his return to Galesburg in 1864.

Mr. Berggren has held many important offices. In 1869 he was elected justice of the peace in the city of Galesburg. While holding that office he was nominated by the Republican convention for the office of sheriff, and elected in the fall of 1872. With great credit he held the office for four terms. In 1880, while yet sheriff, he was nominated and elected senator from the Twenty-second district, composed of Knox and Mercer counties. Four years afterwards, he was reelected from the new district, composed of Knox and Fulton counties. When the senate was organized in 1887, he was chosen president pro tempore of that body. On May 1, 1889, the governor appointed him warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, which position he resigned in 1891, to take active supervision of the Covenant Mutual Life Association of Illinois, with principal offices in Galesburg.

His public spirit is fully shown by his connection with various public enterprises, such as the Galesburg Stoneware Company; the National Perefoyd Company; the Galesburg Paving Brick Company. He was a member of the firm Berggren and Lundeen, later the J. A. Lundeen Company, and still later the Berggren Clothing Company. From its organization, for twenty years, he was president of the Covenant Mutual Life Association, and after that its treasurer, until it was merged with the Northwestern Life Assurance Company of Chicago in Dec., 1899. He was one of the organizers of the Galesburg National Bank in 1884; continuously one of its directors and at present its vice-president.

Mr. Berggren is both an Odd Fellow and a Mason, joining the former order in 1868, the latter in 1869. He is a member of the several Masonic bodies in Galesburg, and in the Order of Odd Fellows has taken a very active interest, filling every office of the subordinate bodies, and the principal offices of the Grand Lodge. He was Grand Master and presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge at Danville, Ill., in 1880, and represented the Grand Lodge in the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Berggren has broadened his life and added greatly to his store of information by quite extensive travel. He has visited almost every state in the Union, and in 1882 took an extensive trip through England, France, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Scotland and Ireland.

His charities have been of a practical kind. He has given to the Swedish M. E. Church and parsonage; to several other churches; to Knox College, Lombard Gymnasium and Cottage Hospital.

His religious affiliations are with the Swedish M. E. Church, although in 1856 he was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Sweden. He served as lay-delegate in the

General Conference at Cincinnati in 1880.

In politics, he is a stanch Republican. He is not only a worker, but has been one of the leaders in his party.

Mr. Berggren was married March 8, 1866, to Christina Näslund, born Feb. 10, 1845, whose parents came to this country in 1854, joining the Bishop Hill colony. Six children were born to them: Capitola Maud, married to Rev. F. E. Jefferey, a missionary to India; Guy Werner, married to Minnie Belle Flanders; Ralph Augustus, killed in a railroad accident in 1887; Claus Eugene; Jay Valentine, married to Bessie Sears, and Earl Hugo.

Jan. 1, 1900, Mr. Berggren withdrew from active life and has since lived in retirement at his home, 529 Losey st.

NELS M. BURGLAND

was born in Gammalstorp, Blekinge, Sweden, Dec. 25, 1846. Emigrating in 1867, he landed in America Sept. 1, destined for Galesburg which has ever since been his place of residence. His education was limited to that acquired in the common school in his home district in Sweden. In Galesburg Mr. Burgland embarked in business as the proprietor of a meat market which with time has gained an extensive patronage. He learned the meat cutter's trade while in the employ of his uncle, Henry Burgland, for five years following his coming to Galesburg. For the next nineteen years he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, Swan Johnson. The firm owned a large



NELS M. BURGLAND

farm, on which were raised most of the cattle which they butchered and shipped. In 1892 Mr. Burgland, severing the partnership, engaged in the same line of business independently and continues to the present time.

Jan. 7, 1873, Mr. Burgland was married to Jennie Jacobson, a daughter of Jacob Nilson, of Jemshög, Blekinge, who operated a flour mill there. Mrs. Burgland was born May 14, 1852. Their children are, Charles M., George H. and Arthur T.

Mr. Burgland has served the community as a member of the city council. In politics he is a strong Republican. He is a stockholder and director of the Bank of Galesburg, the Galesburg Telephone Co. and the Illinois-Canadian Land Co. He has likewise

served on the board of the Galesburg Business Association.

JOHAN ENWALL

settled in Galesburg in the spring of 1868, immediately after his



JOHAN ENWALL

arrival from Vestra Eneby, Sweden, where he was born Nov. 4, 1833. In this city he has plied his trade as a tailor for a long term of years.

He is a devoted Lutheran and is one of the oldest living members of the First Swedish Lutheran Church of the city. He has given his services to the congregation for many years past as a member of the board of deacons of the church. All his interests have centered around his family, his church and his trade.

PHILIP N. GRANVILLE

is a native of Knox county, having been born and raised at Abingdon. Having finished public school, he was sent to Knox Academy where his schooling was completed.



PHILIP N. GRANVILLE

When the Bank of Galesburg was organized in 1889, Mr. Granville was selected as assistant cashier. In 1892 he became cashier and still retains that important position. Mr. Granville has been a director of the bank since its incorporation in 1891.

In 1887 Mr. Granville was elected treasurer of the city of Galesburg, serving in that capacity until 1889, and at the spring election in 1906, the citizens of the Second ward elected him with a handsome majority to represent them in the city council.

Mr. Granville is prominent in fraternal circles, holding membership and office in the following orders: Prelate of Galesburg Commandery of Knights Templar, P. G. of First Scandinavian lodge of the I. O. O. F.; P. H. P. of

the Colfax Encampment, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Galesburg Business Association.

In 1903, Nov. 1, Mr. Granville was married and the union has been blessed with a son, born in 1904, and a daughter, born Nov. 24, 1906. The family attend the Swedish M. E. Church, of which Mr. Granville is a respected member.

WESLEY HOLT

was born on a farm near Swedesburg, Henry co., Iowa, May 3,



WESLEY HOLT

1874. There he spent his early years assisting in the work on the farm in summer and attending the public school in winter. Desirous of a general education, he entered the State University of Iowa, from which he graduated in 1899, receiving the degree of A. B. Having decided upon the law as his vocation he pursued the study of it in the College of Law at the same institution. The following year he received the degree of LL. B. and was admitted to practice in the state and federal courts.

While in college, Mr. Holt early exhibited marked abilities as a debater and speaker. He was chosen to participate in the Inter Society Debate and the University oratorical contest. His ability as a writer was recognized in his selection as editor-in-chief of the State University of Iowa *Quill*, and staff representative on the Western College *Magazine*. He was looked upon as a leader among the students.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, Mr. Holt was just entering upon his life work. For him to enlist at that time was no small sacrifice, but no selfish interest deterred him. As a true patriot he heard his country's call. He enlisted and served through the war with Co. I, 50th Iowa Regt. Volunteer Infantry, a part of the 7th Army Corps under Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's command.

Mr. Holt came to Galesburg in the spring of 1901 and was admitted to the bar in Illinois in the autumn of the same year. He opened an office in partnership with Walter C. Frank under the firm name of Holt & Frank immediately after admission and was the only Swedish lawyer in Galesburg.

Mr. Holt was active in religious work, being a member of the First Swedish Lutheran Church and one of the members of its board of trustees.

In politics Mr. Holt was a zealous Republican. He took an active part in the campaigns of the party on the stump and otherwise. He made his first political speech in 1896 for Wm. McKinley.

In 1903, although he had lived but a short time in Galesburg, he had already gained the confidence of the community, as evidenced by his election to the office of city attorney in the spring of that year.

Mr. Holt's creditable and highly promising career was cut short by his untimely death July 8, 1904.

CHARLES F. HURBURGH

was born in Sweden, Jan. 10, 1872. A year later his parents



CHARLES F. HURBURGH

emigrated, settling at Altona, Ill., where the boy was raised. After finishing public school, he obtained a liberal education at Abingdon Normal College and Knox College, institutions both situated in his home county. From the former institution he was graduated in 1892 and from the latter in 1895.

Mr. Hurburgh has served his county in the capacity of sheriff for the official terms of 1902–04 and 1904–06, having acted as deputy sheriff for two years, 1900 to 1902. Prior to entering the service of Knox county, he held the position of principal of the public schools of Maquon, Ill., from 1895 to 1900. In 1906 Mr. Hurburgh was elected a member of the state legislature and took an efficient part in railway legislation last winter.

Aug. 6, 1903, he was married to Miss Anna Scott at Duncan, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Hurburgh are members of the Congregational Church. He is a popular member of the Galesburgh Business Association.

CARL G. JOHNSON,

physician and surgeon, was born in the city of Oscarshamn, Sweden, Jan. 5, 1865. As a young boy he accompanied his parents, C. X. and Helena S. Johnson, to this country in the spring of 1869. The family located in Galesburg, and here the boy obtained his public school education. After that he worked in a boiler factory and at fifteen he went to work on farm for three years. At the opening of the school year in 1883 he was matriculated at Augustana College, Rock Island, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in June, 1889.

In the fall of the same year he entered the Long Island College Hospital medical school, from



CARL G. JOHNSON

which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in March, 1892. Then he accepted an appointment as interne and ambulance surgeon to the Eastern District Hospital in Brooklyn, remaining until the following September, when he resigned to become house physician and surgeon to the Minneapolis City Hospital. Having served in that capacity for one year, Dr. Johnson passed the state board examination in Minnesota in October, 1893, and engaged in private practice in Minneapolis.

In January, 1895, he moved back to his old home city of Galesburg to take up practice. Just after having established himself, he was honored by an appointment on the staff of the Galesburg Cottage Hospital. This position he has retained by reelection up to the present time, and in October, 1901, was elected chief of the medical staff. He is now commissioner of health of Galesburg.

In 1897 Dr. Johnson made a European trip for the purpose of observing the hospital systems of England, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. He improved the opportunity by taking post-graduate courses at Brunswick and Berlin. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society and the Knox County Medical Society.

Aug. 5, 1896, Dr. Johnson was married to Miss Hannah Larson of Moline, born Sept. 1, 1863. There is one child, Helena Katharine, born in 1900. They are active in church work, being members of the First Swedish Lutheran Church. The doctor gives much time to the Young Men's Christian Association, and has been one of its directors for several years past.

The Augustana Synod in 1899 elected Dr. Johnson on the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary for a term of four years, at the expiration of which he was again elected for a like term. In 1904 he was chosen a member of the board of Augustana Hospital in Chicago for a term of three years.

CHARLES J. JOHNSON

was born July 11, 1871, in Villstad parish, Småland, Sweden. Emigrating in 1889, he came to Galesburg as a young man of

eighteen, equipped with a common and high school education from the old country. He continued



CHARLES J. JOHNSON

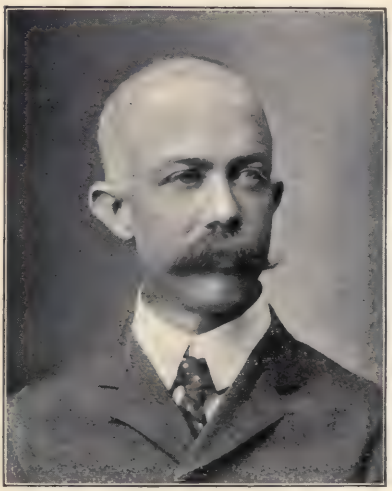
his studies here, however, to acquire the language of the land, and graduated in Brown's Business College in Galesburg. Subsequently entering the employ of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Co., he has risen in their service to the position of foreman of the fuel department at the shops in Galesburg. Some seventeen years ago he went to work in the car department of the company, and was promoted to the aforesaid foremanship about eight years ago.

A leading member of the local lodges of the Masonic order, the Svithiod order and the A. O. U. W., Mr. Johnson has filled various offices in all three organizations.

Mr. Johnson's parents, Johan and Anna Pehrson, remained in Villstad, where they are still living. Dec. 6, 1900, he founded a family of his own by marrying Miss Elfrida Möller from Kristianstad, Sweden. They have two children.

C. T. E. JOHNSON

was born and bred in Galesburg. The date of his birth was Feb. 3, 1865. Having finished his education in high school and business college he turned his attention to the machinist's trade. For seventeen years he was in the employ of Frost Manufacturing Co., the last ten being spent on the road, erecting machinery for the firm. In 1903 he was



C. T. E. JOHNSON

appointed superintendent of the city water works.

Mr. Johnson is a loyal and useful member of the First Swedish Lutheran Church. He was elected several years ago on the board of deacons and also made assistant superintendent of the

Sunday school. He is active in the Mens' Luther League of the church.

JOHN J. JOHNSON,

clergyman of the Mission Covenant, was born in Gräsmark par-



JOHN JONAS JOHNSON

ish, Vermland, Sweden, July 3, 1867. At the age of twenty-one he arrived in America. His parents, Jan Jonsson and his wife Birgitta, who were industrious farmer folk, brought up their children in the Christian faith. The son, soon after his arrival, decided to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel, and for that purpose came from Fort Wayne, Ind., where he had settled, to Chicago, entering the Chicago Theological Seminary. After having completed the course, he was stationed as pastor at Odebolt, Ia., before coming to Batavia, Ill., were he labored for many years. Since 1907 he is pastor of the Swedish Mission Church at Galesburg, which has a membership of 230 people.

Rev. Johnson was married Sept. 8, 1894, to Emma Josephine Blom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blom, who came to this country in 1870 and had got settled in Chicago just before the great fire. Rev. and Mrs. Johnson have five children, Ruth Victoria, born 1895; Judith Delphine, 1897; Vernon Emanuel, 1899; Dagmar Naomi and Hilding Nathanael, twins, born in 1903.

NELS O. G. JOHNSON

was born in Möllegården, Skåne, Sweden, Jan. 10, 1844, but grew up in Maglaröd in that province, whither his father removed shortly afterward. Both parents died there in recent years. The elder Johnson was a merchant in his



NELS OLOF GOTTFRID JOHNSON

younger days and in later years operated a large farm, now owned by his youngest son. Mr.

N. O. G. Johnson's mother, Bengta Pehrson, was the daughter of Nels Pehrson of Skeinge, Skåne, who owned a large dairy farm and also traded in grain and iron. The son was educated in private and public schools and grew to manhood in Sweden, which he did not leave until 1869. In May of that year he landed in New York, proceeding thence direct to Galesburg where he has been a resident since that time.

After his arrival in Galesburg, Mr. Johnson farmed for the first three years, then engaged in business as a partner in the grocery firm of Clarkson and Johnson. Then after nine years, the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Johnson engaged in milling in partnership with a Mr. Anderson. The Anderson and Johnson mill was profitably operated by them for a number of years; after that Mr. Johnson made heavy real estate investments and has been dealing in realty to the present time. He is treasurer and one of the directors of Illinois-Canadian Land Co. and prominently connected with other commercial interests, being director and vice-president of the Bank of Galesburg and sustaining the same relations to the Commercial Union.

His prominence and influence as a citizen and Republican has never induced him to seek public preferment. To the local Swedish Lutheran Church he has given his services for a number of years as a trustee.

The liberal education afforded by travel Mr. Johnson has enjoyed in full measure. By extensive tours in the United States, Canada and Mexico he has thoroughly informed himself on conditions in these countries, besides what he has learned of old world conditions by travels in England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Mr. Johnson has been twice married. His first wife was Sophia Anderson of Galesburg, whom he married in 1878 and lost by death in 1882. There were in this union two children, Blenda Amelia, now Mrs. Charles E. Johnson of Galesburg, and Arthur Newton. On June 11, 1890, Mr. Johnson took for his second wife Miss Anna Bennett, of Galesburg, born May 6, 1865, daughter of Bengt P. Bennett. To them have been born: Frances Evangeline, born 1892; Ruth Genevieve, born 1896; Aldis Bennett, born 1900; Craig Russell, born 1901; Vivian, born 1904, and a daughter who died in infancy. The family residence is at 527 E. Main st.

HAROLD L. LINDQUIST,

minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was born at Beaver, Iroquois county, Ill., Oct. 12, 1859. His father came over from Sweden in 1852 and became one of the pioneer Swedish settlers in Jamestown, N. Y. Five years later he entered the ministry, serving various churches in this state up to 1867, when he removed to Minnesota. The son, Harold, after attending Folsom's Academy, Min-

neapolis, determined on following in his father's footsteps and began fitting himself for the ministry at



HAROLD L. LINDQUIST

the Swedish Theological Seminary in Chicago. The course completed, he was ordained and has since labored in the following fields: Oakland, Neb., 1881–82; Stromsburg, Neb., 1883; Des Moines, Ia., 1884; Red Oak and Essex, Ia., 1885–87; St. Louis, Mo., 1888–92; Burlington, Ia., 1893–97; Keokuk, Ia., 1898–99; Galesburg, 1900 to the present. As pastor at these places Rev. Lindquist has been in the service of the Central Swedish Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ANDREW O. LINDSTRUM

is one of the representative Swedish-Americans of Galesburg. He was born on a farm near Bishop Hill, Henry county, on the 29th of May, 1873, his father being a member and one of the founders of the Bishop Hill Colony.

At the age of thirteen years, he lost his mother and before he had seen his sixteenth summer, he was also bereft of his father. He left the farm in the fall of 1890 in quest of an education. He had chosen Knox College, located at Galesburg, for his Alma Mater, and from that institution he was graduated in the spring of 1895 when he received the degree of B. S. He was business manager of the College Annual of 1893; was president of the Gnothautii Literary Society; vice - president of the National Republican League of



ANDREW O. LINDSTRUM

college clubs; major of the cadet corps, and commissioned brevet-major of the Illinois National Guards by Governor Altgeld. He early identified himself with the Republican party and served as president of the Knox College

Republican Club in the fall of 1894.

Mr. Lindstrum is a 32d degree Mason, Knight Templar and Shriner.

Mr. Lindstrum is a young man of keen intelligence and naturally the field of journalism early became attractive to him as it afforded a splendid opportunity for the development of native ability along lines in perfect harmony with his tastes. Upon the completion of his college course, he became an assistant in the organization of the *Geneseo Daily Arena*.

His residence in Geneseo was brief and he soon severed his connections with the *Daily Arena* to promote the organization of the *Kewanee Daily Courier*. In 1897 he accepted the position of business manager of the *Galesburg Evening Mail*. This position, he filled acceptably for four years and then resigned to accept the appointment of Deputy Clerk of the County Court of Knox County. At present he is manager and part owner of the *Galesburg Evening Mail*.

He was appointed one of the directors of the Galesburg Public Library in 1907.

He was married on the 3d day of October, 1898 to Miss S. Winifred Chaiser. They have one son, Herbert James.

Mr. Lindstrum is a young man of sterling character and is a recognized leader among the younger element of the Swedish-Americans of Galesburg. He stands high in his community in point of energy, honesty, and integrity. He is a young man of force, who has forged to the front and achieved his success at every stage of his career.

PETER TRUED OLSON,

the son of Trued Olson of Hästveda, Skåne, Sweden, was born



PETER TRUED OLSON

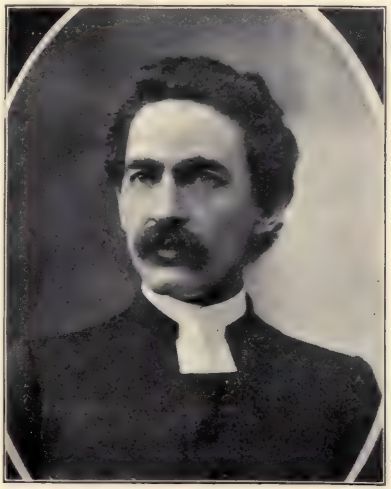
there Feb. 10, 1860. His father died in the old homestead in 1902. The son has enjoyed no education beyond that obtained in the common school of his native place, supplemented by a couple of years in our public schools subsequent to his arrival in America in 1879. For three years he lived in Henry co., Iowa, then, in 1882, located in Galesburg, which became his permanent home. The same year he adopted the brick mason's trade, which he followed for the next ten years.

Having become familiar with the various phases of building construction Mr. Olson in 1892 embarked in business on his own account as contractor and builder. Since then a number of the large buildings in Galesburg have been erected under his supervision, bearing testimony to his practical skill in his chosen vocation. Among these are several public buildings including a half dozen school houses, bank and office buildings and private residences.

Mr. Olson is devoted to the Lutheran faith and for a number of years has served as a trustee of the First Swedish Lutheran Church. He is not active in politics and has never sought public office, but his citizenship is unimpeachable. He has found no time to devote to fraternal societies and orders, living, as he does, for his business and his family. The latter consists of a wife and five children. Carolina Charlotta Edoff, daughter of Per August and Maria Charlotta Edoff of Galesburg, born April 16, 1865, became his wife in November, 1889. The children born to them were seven in all, viz.: Oscar Mauritz, 1890; Agnes Mildred, born 1892; Carl Nathan, born 1894; Hilda Maria, born 1896; Ernst Joshua, born 1898, deceased; Ellen Olivia, born 1901; Ruth Carolina, born 1903.

PETER PETERSON

was born in Fryksände, Vermland, Sweden, Nov. 21, 1866. His parents were Per Person and his wife, Marit Bengtson, who were tenants on an estate. The family came to America in the summer of 1869 and located in Meeker co., Minn. Six weeks after reaching this place, the father was accidentally drowned while fishing in Lake Collinwood, and the mother was left in destitute circumstances, to raise a family of seven children.



PETER PETERSON

The subject of this sketch attended the country school and parochial school at Moore's Prairie, and was confirmed in the Swedish Lutheran Church of this latter place in 1882. From high school, at the age of nineteen, he entered the academical department of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and graduated from the collegiate department of that institution in 1892 with the highest honors of the class, and from Augustana Theological Seminary in Rock Island in 1894. After his ordination on June 10, 1894, he

served the Mission Board of the Augustana Synod as missionary in Ogden, Utah, for one year. He then accepted a call to the St. John's Swedish Luth. Church of Essex, Iowa, and remained there over three years. On Nov. 1, 1898, he entered upon his duties as pastor of the First Swedish Lutheran Church of Galesburg.

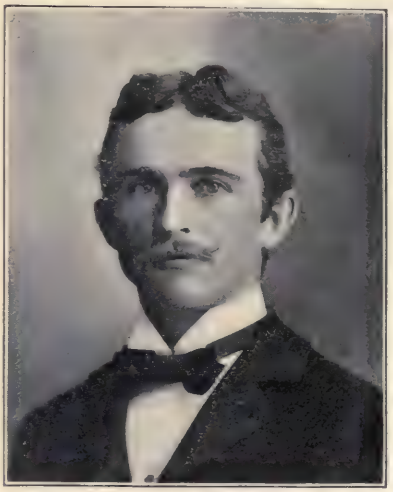
Rev. Peterson was married Oct. 17, 1894, to Miss Mathilda Johnson of Vermillion, S. Dak. Three children have been born to them: Elmer Petri Theodor, Aug. 5, 1896; Mildred Mathilda Ingeborg, Dec. 8, 1897; Ruth Sigrid Marie, Aug. 26, 1902.

Dec. 1, 1905, Rev. Peterson removed to St. Paul to assume pastoral charge of the First Swedish Lutheran Church in that city.

Rev. Peterson is at present a member of the executive committee of the Minnesota Conference and serves on the board of directors of Minnesota College at Minneapolis, and on that of the Deaconess' Institute at Omaha.

PETER F. SWANSON

was born in Gumlösa, Skåne, Sweden, Jan. 12, 1866. He graduated from high school at the age of fourteen with highest honors in a class of 50. The father died when Peter was only a child not yet a year old. After leaving school at the age of fourteen he had to work for a living, and for three years was engaged in farm labor, also learning the butcher's trade. As his father had been a carpenter and builder, the son, however, inclined to artisanship and began to work for P. Ljungberg in Hessleholm, then operating a large wagonshop. After serving his apprenticeship as a wagonmaker, he continued in this shop until he was seized with a desire to emigrate to America. Leaving Sweden in March, 1886, he went to Galesburg, which has



PETER F SWANSON

since been his home. After working on a farm for four years, he again turned to carpentry and affiliated himself with the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union, soon becoming one of the leading members of that body, and for four successive terms held the office of financial secretary. He also represented this body for two terms in the Trades and Labor assembly, holding the same office there. Having had no schooling in this country and desirous of a business education, he joined the night school of Brown's Business College

in the fall of 1893. Not satisfied with night school, he entered for the full business course, which he did not complete owing to the opening of the spring work. A year later he started in business for himself as general contractor and builder. He employs only skilled labor and pays good wages, believing that to his employes he owes much of his success.

Mr. Swanson was married Nov. 27, 1895, to Miss Anna Nielen of Sioux City, Iowa, and they reside at 146 N. Whitesboro st.

In politics Mr. Swanson is a strong Republican and has represented his ward at a number of conventions. He has served on the central committee for two terms, and at the last McKinley election was vice-president of a McKinley club. He represented the Fourth ward in Galesburg City Council in 1901–02.

Mr. Swanson is a member of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois, and of a number of social and fraternity societies; he is a prominent Odd Fellow, holding the post of secretary of the Joint Board of Odd Fellows and executive committee of Galesburg.

JOHAN SÄLLSTRÖM,

clergyman of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant, was born March 12, 1866, in Gräsmark in the province of Vermland, Sweden. He is of mixed Norwegian and Swedish stock, his father being a Norwegian and his mother a Swede. His education was obtained in the common schools and later supplemented by private study. In 1883 Mr. Sällström, having affiliated himself with the Mission Covenant of Sweden, became one of its preachers. Two years later he came over to this country, entering at once the service of the Mission Covenant of America. In 1898 he became pastor of its church



JOHAN SÄLLSTRÖM

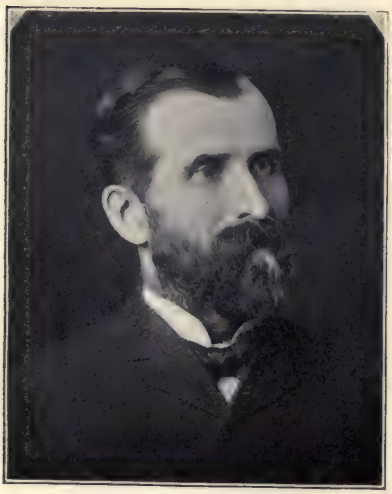
in Galesburg, where he has since been stationed, except for a recent journey to the Holy Land and a protracted sojourn in Sweden, until the present year, when he removed to Ishpeming, Mich.

Rev. Sällström was married at Tacoma, Wash., in November, 1898. His wife, Julia, was born in Wöse parish, Sweden, Feb. 16, 1873. They have four sons, Hjalmar Ferdinand, Enoch Ludvig, Paul Ansgarius and Bertel Melanchton.

His observations in the Holy

Land Rev. Sällström has embodied in an attractive volume, published in 1907, entitled, "Med Penna och Kamera genom Löftets Land." Rev. Sällström has given interesting lectures on Palestine and the manners and customs of the Orient.

MOSES O. WILLIAMSON was born on the Atlantic ocean, July 14, 1850, of Swedish parent-



MOSES O. WILLIAMSON

age. His father, William (Olson) Williamson, was a farmer by occupation. He and his family came direct to Illinois and settled in Sparta township, near Wataga, in Knox county, where the father died in 1853 and the mother in 1885. Here the boy grew to manhood and has since resided.

When a lad of fourteen he learned the harnessmaking trade with Olson & Gray at Wataga, served an apprenticeship of three years and worked at the bench more than twenty years thereafter. He attended the district school up to the age of thirteen, with a term of six months in the village school at the age of seventeen.

Mr. Williamson was married Oct. 18, 1871, to Mary A. Driggs of Wataga, Ill. There were born to them one son, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Adelaide F., born April 22, 1878, married May 13, 1902, to Edward Clyde Slocumb, division civil engineer on the C. B. & Q. R. R. for the St. Louis division, their home being at Beardstown, Ill.; and Nellie M., born May 6, 1883, who is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Williamson is a church attendant, without being affiliated with any one denomination.

Mr. Williamson was elected and served as town and city clerk for seventeen years, alderman and justice of the peace, was elected county treasurer of Knox county in 1886, was elected county clerk in 1890–94–98, was elected treasurer of the state of Illinois in 1900. He has been a member of of the Republican county central committee for twenty-three years, serving as chairman or secretary most of the time. He was one of the organizers and an active member of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois and was its president in 1897.

He is a Knight Templar Mason, an Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias. In 1890 he with his family removed to Galesburg, Ill., which has since been his home. He is, at present, president of the

Swedish Old Settlers of Knox county. He has held membership in the Business Men's Club of Galesburg and in the Hamilton and Marquette Clubs of Chicago. For two years he was a member of the Lincoln Monument Association of Illinois, and it was during his term that the rebuilding of the Lincoln monument at Springfield, Ill., was completed and the remains of the martyred president were laid in their final resting place in the monument.

Mr. Williamson is, at this time, president of the People's Trust and Savings Bank of Galesburg, one of the largest and most successful financial institutions in the state outside of Chicago.

LARS EUGENE OLSON

was born in Sparta township, near Wataga, Ill., Sept. 16, 1862. He attended district school and took a short course in a commercial college at Galesburg. Until 1885 he worked in a store owned by his father, Lars W. Olson, now retired, and then engaged in farming for the next ten years. In August, 1895, he bought out a grocer in Oneida, where he has since carried on a thriving grocery business.

Mr. Olson is a Republican and a man of public spirit who has given his services to the community in several official capacities. For eight successive years from his first election in 1898 he has been a member of the aldermanic council of the city of Oneida and from 1902 to 1904 he served on the Republican central committee of Knox county. From 1897 to



LARS EUGENE OLSON

1907 he held the office of assessor of Ontario township. He is affiliated with the Swedish Lutheran church of the adjoining city of Wataga, and with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Olson was married in 1891, to Miss Minnie C. Danielson, whose death cut short the union. One son, Robert E. was born to them. Sept. 21, 1896, Mr. Olson entered into a second matrimonial union, with Miss Christina E. Nelson of Soperville, Ill., daughter of Nels P. and Brita N. Nelson. The second Mrs. Olson has presented her husband with six children, as follows: Helen M., born 1900; Laura L. and Lawrence E., born 1901; O. Raymond and Paul W., born 1903, and Charles Leo, born 1906. Four of these survive.

HJALMAR W. WILLING

clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, was born in Helsingborg, Sweden, March 21, 1871. He came over from Sweden with his parents in 1880 and they settled in Brooklyn, N. Y. He afterwards entered the Swedish Theological Seminary in Evanston in 1901 and was ordained in 1904 as a minister of the Gospel in the Methodist Church. He preached for three years at Joliet, Ill., four years at New Windsor, Ill., and then at Aurora, Ill., before being stationed in Chicago, where he became pastor of the Emanuel Swedish M. E. Church and where he remained four years.

His present charge is at Victoria, Knox county, Ill.

KANE COUNTY

AURORA—BATAVIA—ELGIN—GENEVA ST. CHARLES

ANDREW M. ANDERSON

was born in Småland, Sweden, Aug. 16, 1864. He emigrated from



ANDREW M. ANDERSON

his native land at the age of seventeen, landing in America in June, 1882, and first located in Galesburg, removing later to Aurora, where he has since had his abode. For years past he has been an employee of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Company and holds the position of mason foreman.

Mr. Anderson has always taken a live interest in political and church affairs, and he is an active fraternity man. The Swedish Lutheran Church, of which he is a member, has profited by his services on its board of trustees for many years, part of the time as secretary of the church. Mr. Anderson was elected alderman from the First ward in 1903, and as a public servant he is a zealous promoter of public improvements. He was returned to the city council in 1905 without opposition and in 1907 was reelected with a large majority. He was vice-president for Kane county of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois in 1897 and 1898, and is in hearty accord with the purpose of that organization, namely to bring the Swedish-Americans into evidence and see to it that they receive their just share of recognition and political preferment.

The fraternal orders of which Mr. Anderson is a member are, the Modern Woodmen, Fraternal Tribune and the local lodge of Nordens Söner.

JOHN ALFRED BENANDER,

pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Aurora, was born in Högsäter parish, Dalsland, Sweden, Feb. 6, 1872. Being one of five children in a family of very limited means he was obliged to begin bread winning at the early age of nine, and his schooling was limited in consequence. He came to this country as a young man of twenty, lived in Moline and Sherrard, Ill., tried factory work, carpentry and painting, attended public schools during one

winter, then entered Augustana College in accordance with a long cherished desire to prepare him-



JOHN ALFRED BENANDER

self for the ministry. He was enrolled in the fall of 1893 and graduated from the academy in 1896, from the college in 1900 and from the theological seminary in 1903. He made his way through school by his own efforts, his parents being unable to assist him. While a student he taught parish school and supplied vacant charges in Chicago, McKeesport, Pa., Cumberland, Wis., San Francisco and Des Moines. After his ordination to the ministry in June, 1903, Rev. Benander made a tour of Europe, visiting Sweden, Norway, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France and England. His first regular charge was Kiron and Odebolt, Ia., where he labored from 1903 to 1906. His pastorate in Aurora dates from the last named year.

June 22, 1904, Rev. Benander was married at Harcourt, Ia., to Miss Minnie Joanna Engquist, born Jan. 19, 1878.

While at school Rev. Benander was active in a number of societies, was treasurer of the Augustana Foreign Mission Society for three years, and was president of his class in the seminary for a like term. While in Iowa, he was secretary of the Sioux City district of the Iowa Conference and president of the Luther League. He is now secretary of the Rockford district of the Illinois Conference and a member of the Chicago Lutheran Inner Mission Society.

JOHN A. FREEMAN,

who is engaged in the business of floriculture in Aurora, is a native



JOHN A. FREEMAN

of the Swedish province of Halland, where he was born in 1855. Emigrating in 1872 he landed at

Boston and proceeded thence to Lemont, Ill., where he remained only two years. His next residence was at Batavia, where he lived from 1874 to 1880, when he located permanently at Aurora. Five years later he started in business as a florist and now owns large greenhouses on N. Lake st.

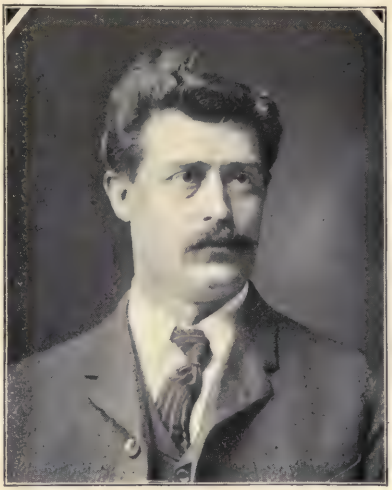
Mr. Freeman was elected to the city council from the First ward in 1896 and twice reelected, serving for six consecutive years. As a member of the board of aldermen Mr. Freeman was chairman of the License Committee and also served on the Sidewalk, Street and Alleys and other committees.

July 10, 1883, Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Christine Anderson. They are the parents of four sons and one daughter. The family are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

PETER A. FREEMAN

was born in the province of Halland, Sweden, July 16, 1861. Eighteen years later he came to Chicago as a young immigrant, equipped with ordinary schooling offered in the common schools of Sweden. He then went to Aurora where he located permanently and is now engaged in business as a florist.

Being an active member of the Swedish Lutheran Church, he has been elected on its board of trustees. Equally active in politics, he has been for some time a member of the Kane County Republican Central Committee, president of the Swedish-American Republican Club and has served as a deputy sheriff of the county. Of fraternal orders, he is affiliated



PETER A. FREEMAN

with the Modern Woodmen and the Yeomen of America.

Mr. Freeman in 1884 was married to Augusta Anderson. The couple have two sons, William and Edward.

JOHN GUSTAVE IVARSON

was born in Ljunga parish, in Småland, Sweden, Feb. 27, 1859. His parents were Peter Johanson, a farmer, and his wife, Maria Christina, née Gustafson. Both parents died in the old country, the mother in 1865, the father ten years later. The boy attended common, or people's schools up to 1876, when he came to Geneva, Ill., as an immigrant. In that locality he worked on a farm for two years and then went to Batavia, remaining until July, 1881, when he removed to Aurora and

obtained employment in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Ry., as a car builder. After



JOHN GUSTAVE IVARSON

eight years he left to accept a position as mail carrier, which has since been his vocation.

Mr. Ivarson has always taken an interest in local political, fraternal and church affairs. He is vice-president of the Swedish-American Republican Club and secretary of the First Ward Swedish Republican Club; president of the Nordens Söner society and of the Nordens Söner central assembly of Kane county, with headquarters in Batavia; member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and chairmain of its board of trustees. Being endowed with a good voice, Mr. Ivarson for many years sang in the church choir and is now a member of the Swedish Male Sextette of Aurora.

Mr. Ivarson was married Sept. 16, 1882, to Miss Bessie L. Olson, born in Torpa, Halland, Dec. 26, 1860. Four daughters have been born to them: Anna Marie, born 1883, Clara Josephine, born 1887, Emma Nora, born 1889, Mildred Matilda, born 1892.

EUGENE MALMER

has been a resident of Aurora from the day of his birth, March 25, 1873. He attended the public schools here and subsequently graduated from the Aurora High School. After that he entered the Chicago School of Architecture, completing the course and receiving his diploma in 1894. Obtaining a place with architect W. A. Otis of Chicago



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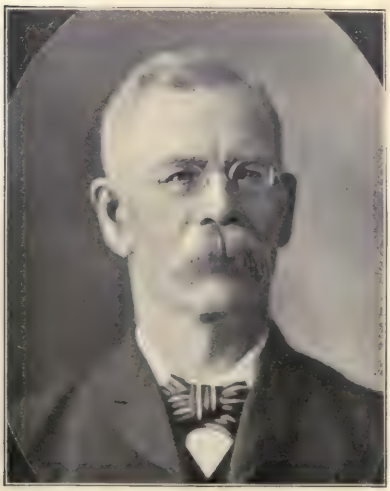
he soon advanced to the place of head draughtsman. After holding this position for a number of years he passed the state architectural examination and left the

office to assume charge of the construction of the new public library building at Aurora. After completing the work Mr. Malmer opened his own office in Aurora, where he is now one of the leading architects.

As a member of the local Swedish Lutheran church Mr. Malmer has been elected on the board of trustees and is now serving as church treasurer.

FRANZ OSCAR PETERSON

was born Jan. 18, 1841, in Norrköping, Sweden, whence he



FRANZ OSCAR PETERSON

emigrated in May, 1868, to Chicago. After a year's stay in that city he went to Aurora, but left that place for Springfield a year and a half later. Finally, after six years in the state capital, Mr. Peterson returned to Aurora, which since then has been his permanent home. He is a book-binder by trade and in recent years has been engaged in the manufacture of binders' glue. A company has been formed for the manufacture of the None Such Flexible Glue, known as F. O. Peterson and Co., with Mr. Peterson as president.

Such has been his devotion to his work and business that he has never affiliated with any church or fraternal order, or engaged in political activity. In 1872 he was married to Miss Edla Sophia Engmark with whom he has four sons and a daughter.

ADOLF I. ANDERSON

was born Oct. 27, 1837, in Örmevalla parish, Halland, Sweden, where he began work as a tailor's apprentice at the age of twelve. Having mastered the trade at eighteen, he worked on his own account as a journeyman tailor until 1873. That year, with his family, he emigrated, landing at Quebec in July. After a stay of several months in the Canadian city he came on to Batavia the following October. Here he was employed in the tailor shop of A. P. Anderson for the next eight years. Then he formed a partnership with J. E. Wallen and the two started a tailoring business on Batavia ave., of which, after three years, Mr. Anderson became sole proprietor. In 1893 the establishment was removed to the Anderson Bros. Block on Wilson st., where it is located at the present time.

In 1866 Mr. Anderson lost his wife, Carolina Gustafva Börgeson,

to whom he was married in 1860. Of their two children, a son died in infancy. The daughter died in



ADOLF I. ANDERSON

Green Bay, Wis., in 1895, as the wife of Charles S. Addison and the mother of eight children. In 1897 he took a second wife, Anna Stina Anderson, who bore him five children. The family are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Batavia, where Mr. Anderson has served many years in the church council.

JOHN AARON ANDERSON

is one of the most enterprising merchants and business men of Batavia, and he is given credit for having contributed more to the growth and development of the city than any other man during the thirty-five years he has resided there.

Mr. Anderson is a farmer boy from Sällstorp parish, Halland, Sweden, where he was born Nov. 24, 1850. His parents were Magnus Anderson and Anna Nilsson. His father died in the old country, and the mother in Batavia. With the ordinary schooling offered in a country district, the boy grew to manhood. Arriving at the age of twenty-two he decided to quit the old soil and came over here in April, 1872, spending seven months in Lemont before settling permanently in Batavia.

When he first came there he did not have capital enough to pay a week's board in advance. He at once got employment in a manufacturing shop, laying by enough to purchase an interest in a small stock of merchandise in



JOHN AARON ANDERSON

1880. After a little over a year he sold out to one Nelson, but six months later formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, Oscar Anderson, and repurchased the stock. He still continued working in the shops by day,

helping in the store evenings. After two years, however, the business required his whole time.

This copartnership existed for twenty years or up to 1903. when he and his sons, John A. Jr. and Wm. R., purchased the grocery department, one of the largest stores of its kind in the city.

In 1892, their quarters having grown too small to accommodate their extensive trade, the old firm put up the Anderson Block, one of the most substantial buildings in Batavia, located at Batavia ave. and Wilson st.

The present name and style of the business headed by Mr. Anderson, is John A. Anderson & Sons.

Mr. Anderson has been interested in two additions to the city, he being instrumental in selling all of the lots, on which upwards of a hundred snug and commodious houses have been built. He owns a fine residence in the city and also a large farm in the vicinity.

When the Swedish Lutheran church was erected, of which Mr. Anderson had been a member since 1872, he lent an active hand, serving as treasurer during its construction. For a dozen years or more he was a member of the church council. He has twice served the city as an alderman, four years in all, and is a director in the First National Bank of Batavia.

Mr. Anderson's business career is an honorable one throughout, and has won for him the respect and esteem of his fellow-townsmen in full measure.

He entered wedlock in 1875 with Anna L. Anderson, daughter of Anders Borgesen and his wife, Anna Oleson, of Batavia. Of a family of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, five are living. A son and a daughter are married, the latter to Charles A. Pierce of Batavia.

OSCAR ANDERSON

was born at Idala, Halland, Sweden, Dec. 25, 1845. In 1869 he



OSCAR ANDERSON

came to the United States and resided in Batavia for more than twenty-five years. Prior to that he worked twelve years as a common laborer, mostly on railroads, in Illinois, Iowa and Michigan. By rigid economy he saved enough to start a general merchandise business on a small scale with his brother-in-law, John A. Anderson. Year by year the business grew

and, although various changes have been made in the firm, Mr. Anderson is still at the head of it. In 1902 the old building was removed and the firm purchased more ground and erected a handsome two-story brick block 50x80 feet. The firm is now known as Anderson & Sevetson, Mr. Sevetson having become a partner in November, 1903. Up to this time the firm of Anderson & Anderson had handled dry goods and groceries, but now the grocery department was taken over by Mr. John A. Anderson and his son, Mr. Oscar Anderson and his firm continuing to deal in dry goods, clothing and men's furnishing goods.

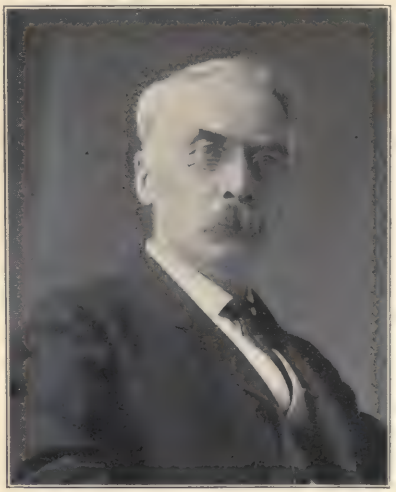
Mr. Anderson has served the city as a member of the Board of Education for a dozen years or more. In politics he is a Republican. He is a devoted member of the Swedish Lutheran Church, it being the only organization claiming him as a member.

In 1875 he was married to Anna L. Samuelson of Frillesås, Halland, who has presented him with two children, a son in 1878 and a daughter in 1885. The son is married and holds a position in the First National Bank of Batavia. The daughter is attending college.

Besides his business and a snug home Mr. Anderson owns considerable property in his home city and elsewhere.

NELS PETER GUSTAFSON

was born at Kristdala, Småland, Sweden, Nov. 14, 1854. His



NELS PETER GUSTAFSON

father, Gustaf Petterson, an underfarmer, died in the old country in 1874. His mother, Kajsa Elisa, née Samuelson, lives at the home of her son in Batavia.

Mr. Gustafson's schooling was limited to a brief attendance at the Normal School in Sugar Grove, Ill., in 1874–5, about one year after his arrival in the United States.

Mr. Gustafson stands high in the community and has been for years past a prominent factor in Swedish-American activities. He was the organizer of the beneficiary society known as Nordens Söner, which now has five branches and some 600 members in Kane county. In the organization of the Swedish-American Republican Club of Batavia he was also the prime mover and became its first

presiding officer. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

In 1896 Mr. Gustafson was elected to the office of county tax collector.

Dec. 30, 1887, he was married to Miss Alice Butcher, born in Hyth, England, Feb. 12, 1866. They have seven living children: John A., born 1890; Alice Ottilia, '92; Nellie Grace, '94; Edna Rosita, '96; Stella Marie, '98; Oscar Arnold, 1900; Ada Lucile, '03. A daughter, born in 1888, died at the age of two years. The family are members of the Congregational Church.

OSCAR W. HUBBARD

is a native of Batavia, where he has been established in medical practice since 1899. He is the oldest son of Gustavus Hubbard who came to America from Härlunda, Småland, in 1853, and was the first Swede to locate permanently at Batavia, where he engaged in timber contracting. He was united in marriage by Rev. Erland Carlsson, to Katharina Svensson, daughter of a schoolmaster from Hjortsberga, Småland, who came over from Sweden in 1854 and settled at St. Charles. The couple were pioneer members of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Geneva. Here three sons were born to them. Oscar Wilhelm, July 23, 1864, Gustaf Edmund, now owner of a cattle ranch in Kansas, and Levi Henry, a professional musician of Chicago.



OSCAR WILHELM HUBBARD

In 1876 the family removed to Salina, Kansas, and late in the same year, to Fremont. In 1899, the family made their home in Lindsborg, Kans., where the elder Hubbard now lives, his wife having died in June, 1906.

Dr. Oscar W. Hubbard received his preliminary education in public and Swedish parochial schools at Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles, Ill., and Salina and Fremont, Kansas. On the day of the opening of Bethany Academy, the forerunner of Bethany College, Oct. 12, 1881, he was matriculated as a student, and was graduated from the academy in 1885. After having spent the next four years at Augustana College he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in '89. Having engaged in educational work until 1895, he then took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. William Francis Waugh, Dean of the Illinois Medical College in Chicago. In

March of the following year he was matriculated at that school, graduating in the fall of 1898, with the degree of M. D. and the word of the president that "the college had never had a more all-round satisfactory student.

Dr. Hubbard in the same year located in Chicago as a practitioner of the regular school, serving one year in the Illinois Medical College Hospital and completing a post-graduate course in dissection and demonstration at the Chicago School of Anatomy and Physiology. Thus equipped Dr. Hubbard in 1899 moved back to his old home town of Batavia, where a lucrative practice was built up. Besides his general practice Dr. Hubbard acts as examiner for a large number of insurance companies and fraternal orders. He is a member of the following bodies, organizations and associations: the American Medical Association, the Fox River Valley Medical Association, Illinois Medical College board of censors, Batavia Board of Education, the Bethany Lutheran church at Batavia, Nordens Söner and the alumni associations of Illinois Medical, Bethany and Augustana Colleges.

In Sept. 1902, Dr. Hubbard was married to Ida Harleen, daughter of Per J. Harleen, a rural furniture maker of Hörlunda, Småland.

To Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard have been born two daughters, Svea Katharina in 1904 and Vendela Iduna in 1906.

JOHN MICHOLSON

was born in Halland, Sweden, in 1860, and with his parents came



JOHN MICHOLSON

to Batavia, Ill., in the year 1869, and has been a resident of that city since.

He attended the public schools of Batavia and after leaving school learned the trade of molder which he followed a few years and then abandoned to take up the trade of butcher. After successfully a meat market for a number of years he sold out the business to engage in the wholesale and retail ice business, in which he is engaged at the present time.

He early took an interest in politics and has always been identified with the Republican party. For eight years he served his fellow citizens as alderman of his ward and he served a longer period as county supervisor representing the township of Batavia. His long and continued services

in this capacity speaks volumes for the estimation in which he is held by his fellow-citizens.

He has taken an active interest in the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois having served as president of the Kane County branch for eight years, president of the local club for three years and treasurer of the State League for one year. Wherever the interests of the Republican party can best be served there can Mr. Micholson always be found.

GUSTAF NELSON

was born May 26, 1861, in Fleninge, Skåne, Sweden. On the



GUSTAF NELSON

same date, twenty years after, he landed in America and proceeded to this state, where he first located in Geneva. With a common school education from the old country, he went to work on the farm of Edgar Bartlett, near Geneva. Subsequently he became coachman for Rev. Dr. Gammen, a Methodist minister interested in the Marsh Harvester Works. Having saved a portion of his small earnings in these years, Mr. Nelson launched into business, opening a grocery store at Batavia. Here he has enjoyed a good trade up to the present time and is to-day one of the well-to-do merchants of the city. He deals now in general merchandise, meats, flour and feed, having added new lines from time to time.

Mr. Nelson, who is unmarried, has made two European tours, visiting the principal cities, his objective point, however, being his old home in Fleninge, where his father, Nils Jönsson, is a building contractor.

MATTHIAS LETHIN,

who has been established as a merchant tailor in Elgin since 1875, was born at Jemshög, Blekinge, Sweden, Oct. 10, 1843. In the spring of 1868 he landed in America, coming to Elgin to locate the following fall. Equipped with a common school education and having learned the tailor's trade, he opened a shop and is still doing business under the firm name of Lethin Bros., his brother Swan being his partner.

On the same occasion, Dec. 29, 1871, the brothers were married to two sisters, the bride of Matthias Lethin being Miss Carolina Gustafva Samuelson, born Oct. 22, 1846, in Vestergötland. Mr.

and Mrs. Lethin have seven children, whose names are here given in the order of their birth: Theckla



MATTHIAS LETHIN

Maria, Agnes Elizabeth, Ruth Linnea, Emanuel Mattheus, Elmer Samuel, Walter Timotheus, and Anton Nathanael.

Mr. and Mrs. Lethin have ever been active workers in the local Swedish Lutheran Church, Mr. Lethin serving at various periods as trustee, deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school. He also takes an interest in general affairs and has been elected a director of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

SWAN LETHIN,

associated with his brother, Matthias, in the merchant tailoring firm of Lethin Bros., was born Feb. 12, 1848, at Jemshög, Blekinge, Sweden. In 1869 he came over to the United States, whither his brother had preceded him the year before. He rejoined his brother in Elgin, where he has since resided continuously. He was married Dec. 29, 1871, to Miss Mathilda Sophia Samuelson, the occasion being a double wedding, at which the grooms were brothers and the brides sisters.

Mr. Lethin has served as organist of the Swedish Lutheran Church for more than twenty years and, like his brother Matthias, he has taken a prominent part in the affairs of the church in the capacities of trustee and deacon.

In Mr. Lethin's family there are six grown-up children: Hulda Carolina, born 1872; Paul Walter



SWAN LETHIN

Victorius, 1874; Leopold Nathanael, 1875; Dell Emanuel, 1876; Rosa Johanna, 1880, and Albin Samuel, 1884.

WILLIAM RUNDQUIST

was born May 26, 1842, in Stockholm, where his father, Per Gus-

taf Rundquist, was a jeweler by trade. Having attended the common schools in the Swedish capital, young Rundquist worked as a jeweler's apprentice from 1856 to 1860. The latter year he went to sea as a member of the crew of the mission brig Hiram, from Gefle. This mission ship was fitted out by Ahlberg, the eminent Swedish divine, known as the founder of a divinity school bearing his name. The plan was to carry on shipping between Sweden and foreign ports in support of missions in heathen lands. After a few years' trial the project failed and, returning home in 1863,



WILLIAM RUNDQUIST

Mr. Rundquist went back to the jeweler's workbench and the following year became a journeyman jeweler.

In 1865 he decided to emigrate to the United States, and at first located in St. Charles. The following year he lived in Geneva, and in April, 1867, removed to Elgin, where he obtained employment in the watch factory. He continued with the Elgin National Watch Company for more than twenty-six years, leaving in June, 1893. For years subsequently, Mr. Rundquist was engaged in making inventions and improvements in machinery and tools, and in manufacturing several articles patented by him. Among these are the Elgin lawn sprinkler and the Elgin screw driver. For six years from 1897 Mr. Rundquist was city superintendent of streets, retiring from active work at the end of that time.

Since the organization of the Bethlehem Swedish Luth. Church of Elgin in 1871, Mr. Rundquist has been affiliated with that congregation, serving it all these years in the capacity of either trustee or deacon.

Sept. 15, 1867, William Rundquist and Miss Sophia Samuelson were married at Geneva. They have raised a family of seven children, four others having died. A daughter, Amalia, is the wife of Mr. Alfred Anderson of St. Charles, and a son, Gustaf Ruben, is married to Miss Jennie Johnson of Chicago.

For the past thirty years Mr. Rundquist has been active as a lay preacher, frequently conducting divine services in various places in the absence of regular pastors.

THEODORE N. PETERSON,

Methodist Episcopal clergyman, was born in Sweden, July 4, 1873. Since his coming to the United States in 1881, his time was divided between attending public school and other occupations until he determined upon entering the service of the church. Matriculating at the Swedish seminary at Evanston, Ill., he completed the divinity course and was graduated in 1895. After studying for another year at the Northwestern University he was ordained a minister of the Swedish M. E. Church in 1896. Subsequently he labored with success, three years at Braddock, Pa., four years at Falconer, N. Y., and for a number of years at Victoria, the cradle of Swedish Methodism in the United States. He is now in charge of the Swedish Methodist Church in Geneva.

Rev. Mr. Peterson was married at Chicago, Sept. 27, 1899, to Miss Clara O. Thorson, born in that city, April 25, 1876. Her parents' home, which was spared in the great fire of 1871, was opened as a place of refuge for many a homeless countryman who had lost everything in that terrible disaster. Rev. and Mrs. Peterson have two sons, Keith Ambrose, born in 1900, and Boyd Newton, born Nov. 3, 1906.

WILHELMINA C. WISTRAND

is the daughter of J. H. Wistrand, one of the early Swedish settlers of Paxton, who subsequently removed to Moline, where he passed away in February, 1904. She was born in Paxton. Having completed her studies under Dr. Gustav Stolpe at the Augustana Conservatory of Music at Rock Island, she was among the first to graduate from that institution. Accepting the position as organist of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, she served in that capacity for a number of



WILHELMINA CATHERINE WISTRAND

years, meanwhile teaching piano, organ and harmony and studying at the Des Moines Musical College, the American School of Methods at Boston, and the American School of Methods at Chicago, being a graduate of the last named school.

From De Moines she went to Jewell College, at Jewell, Iowa., where she was for one year director of the musical department. From September, 1904, to the end of 1906, she has served as

organist of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Geneva, occupying simultaneously the position of principal of the Geneva Conservatory of Music and that of supervisor of music in the city public schools. At the beginning of the year 1907, she removed to Denver to take the position of organist of the Swedish Lutheran church in that city.

CLAUS ALFRED ANDERSON

is a native Illinoisan, born at St. Charles, Oct. 13, 1873. His



CLAUS ALFRED ANDERSON

education was obtained in the local public schools. His father was a carpenter, and when the son reached mature years he went into the business of building contractor, in which line he has achieved a goodly measure of success. Among the more important structures erected by him may be mentioned the Swedish Lutheran church edifice at Geneva.

On May 18, 1901, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Rundquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rundquist, a prominent Swedish family of Elgin. A child, Ivan Le Roy, was born to the Andersons in 1903. The family belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church of St. Charles.

PETER CARLSON

was born at Langelanda, Bohuslän, Sweden, Feb. 28, 1842, and has been a resident of St. Charles, since June, 1871. When seventeen years of age he learned the shoemaker's trade and worked at that in Göteborg and Stockholm. In 1865, he was married to Magdalena Erickson, born April 3, 1841. Two children have been born to them, Fritz Gerhard, in



PETER CARLSON

1866, and Oscar Ambrosius, in 1879.

In 1873, two years after locat-

ing in St. Charles, Mr. Carlson there established his present business as manufacturer and dealer in boots and shoes.

In politics a Republican, Mr. Carlson is a member of the local Swedish Republican Club. He has served as a member of the aldermanic council. In church matters he affiliates with the Lutherans, and has served the local Swedish church for various terms as trustee and deacon.

The eldest son of Mr. Carlson is now engaged in the clothing business in St. Charles. The younger, who was educated at Augustana College and at the Metropolitan Business College, has served three terms as engrossing and enrolling clerk of the State senate, and is now in the U. S. treasury department at Washington, D. C.

THURE A. JOHANSON

was born in the Swedish city of Kalmar, June 25, 1869. He attended common school and finished three classes in the higher elementary school in Kalmar before emigrating to this country. Landing in New York City, May 1, 1887, he experienced the usual hardships of the newcomer, before obtaining satisfactory employment. After working for six months in an architect's office, he began learning the trade of piano making in the Conover factory. Later he practiced piano making in the Weber, the Decker Bros. and other piano factories in New York, learning the trade in all its branches.



THURE ADRIAN JOHANSON

In 1891 he came to Chicago to work for the Cable Piano Co., and gradually worked himself up to his present position as superintendent of their extensive piano factory at St. Charles.

While living in Chicago, Mr. Johanson was for eleven years a very active member of the Swedish Glee Club.

Mr. Johanson is married to Miss Maria Freeberg and they have two children. They attend the Emanuel Swedish Lutheran Church in St. Charles.

NELS T. JOHANSON

was born May 16, 1875, in Kalmar, Sweden. He attended public school in his native city.

When twenty years of age he

emigrated to the United States and landed July 4, 1895.

Going to Chicago, he was em-



NELS T. JOHANSON

ployed as a pianomaker by the Cable Piano Co. In 1903 he removed to St. Charles and is now employed as a foreman in the Cable Piano Works at this place.

Mr. Johanson is a member of the local Swedish Lutheran Church and of the beneficiary society Ledstjärnan.

NELS M. LILJEGREN

was born Dec. 9, 1846, in Karlaby, Skåne, Sweden. He attended the elementary school in Göteborg, from which he graduated in 1868. His hope of becoming a Lutheran minister was frustrated by financial troubles. Eventually a change in his religious belief in 1869 caused him to join the Methodist Society in Göteborg. He labored in this church body for seventeen years and emigrated in 1886. In America he has been stationed as pastor in Chicago, Moline, Rockford, Aurora, Marinette, Wis., Minneapolis, Minn., Bishop Hill, Ill., Racine, Wis., Andover and St. Charles, Ill.

Rev. Liljegren is an indefatigable worker and besides his regular duties finds time for literary work. He has contributed quite extensively to *Sändebudet* and other papers. Of the books he has published may be mentioned: "John, Whom Jesus Loved," "Where and What is Heaven?" "Once More the Question of Baptism."

In 1876 Rev. Liljegren was married to Miss Sophie Witting. Of



NELS M. LILJEGREN

their six children but three survive, viz., Alice, Annie and Nels Victor.

JOHN F. MONGERSON

was born in Sweden April 7, 1866, and came to the United States as a child five years old. The fam-

ily located in St. Charles, where the boy attended the public schools. At fifteen years of age he began



JOHN FREDERICK MONGERSON

work as a clerk in a grocery store. After having gained seven years' experience in that line, he went into the grocery business on his own account in 1888, continuing as a grocer up to the present time.

Mr. Mongerson has been elected to the office of trustee in the local Swedish Lutheran Church, of which he is a member of long standing. In 1905 his fellow townsmen gave him their tribute of confidence by electing him to the office of city treasurer. Prior to that, Mr. Mongerson had been honored by being chosen to fill various local offices, having served as alderman for two years, as town clerk for a like term, and as trustee of schools for nine years.

His marriage to Miss Mathilda M. Peterson of Geneva took place April 30, 1890. The fruit of this union is a daughter, Valeda L., born in 1893.

CHARLES OLSON

born at St. Charles, Dec. 3, 1857, is one of the earliest native Swedes of the locality. He was educated in the district schools. His youth up to the age of twenty-two was spent on the farm. Subsequently he worked in a foundry for four years, afterward engaging in merchandising as dealer in groceries and hardware. He was in that line of business for more than a score of years. Aug. 1, 1904, Mr. Olson sold his mercantile business and engaged in the real estate and fire insurance business.



CHARLES OLSON

Mr. Olson served as town clerk for nine years and has been a member of the Board of Education for a considerable period. He is an active Republican, taking the lead in Swedish political

circles and serving for various periods as president of the local Swedish-American Republican Club and secretary of the Kane County Swedish-American Republican Central Club. He has taken interest in the work of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois and in 1902 was elected vice-president for Kane county. In April, 1905, he was elected justice of the peace, which office he still holds.

Being a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of St. Charles, he has served it in two capacities, as deacon and as secretary of the church council for many years past.

In 1888 Mr. Olson was married to Ida T. Schoberg. There are four children as the issue of the union, two sons and two daughters.

Rock Island County

MOLINE—ROCK ISLAND

WILLIAM A. ALSTERLUND was born April 9, 1870, in Chicago where his parents, John Frederick and Elizabeth (Bock) Alsterlund resided before removing to Moline. The elder Alsterlund, who died at Battle Creek, Mich., April 30, 1897, was an engineer who for a long term of years was at the head of the Moline water works. Mrs. Alsterlund died in Moline, Dec. 7, 1875.

The son William had his general education in the public schools of Moline and by a course in business college in Davenport, Ia., prepared for his future work. For fifteeu years he has been with the firm of Dimock, Gould and Co. where he is employed as lumber salesman.

In 1893 Mr. Alsterlund married Daisy P. Cleland who died after two years. Seven years afterward he married Louise J. Jamieson. A daughter was born to them on June 4, 1905.

Mr. Alsterlund is a member of the First Baptist Church and has been one of its trustees.

O. FREDERICK ANDERSON, cashier of the Moline Trust & Savings Bank, was born at Trehörna, Östergötland, Sweden, July 1, 1866. His parents were Alfred Anderson, a miller, and his wife Anna Greta Johanson. The elder Mr. Anderson passed away in Moline in 1881, having come over to this country with his family in 1868. They first located in Aurora, Ill., but shortly afterward



O. FREDERICK ANDERSON

settled permanently in Moline. Here the son, Otto Frederick, received his preliminary education in the public schools. He worked as apprentice to a machinist for two years, upon leaving school, then was salesman in a clothing store for a time. Determined to obtain better training for a business career, he took a course in a business college in Davenport, Iowa.

At seventeen he was employed as messenger in the Moline National Bank, beginning May 1, 1883. Passing through the grades, he was promoted to bookkeeper. In 1891, he accepted the position of teller in the Moline State Sav-

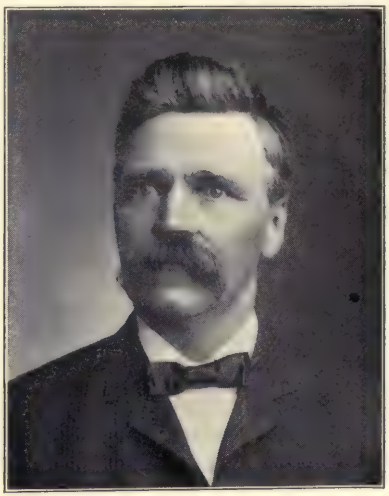
ings Bank, afterwards known as the Moline Trust and Savings Bank, then just organized, and held that position until June 30, 1900, when he was elected acting cashier of the bank. The following January, Mr. Anderson was regularly elected cashier. In this capacity he still serves. The assets of the bank, with which he is connected, have increased from $700,000 to one and one-half million dollars since he assumed the aforesaid office.

Mr. Anderson is not connected with any religious denomination, but attends the Unitarian church. He is a public spirited citizen and takes an active part in all matters of interest to the city and public in general. He is prominent in fraternal and club circles, stands high in the Masonic brotherhood and has been vice-president of the Moline Club. Three times 1893, 1899 and 1903, he has been elected treasurer of the city of Moline and has served continuously since 1895 on the public library board, having been twice elected to the presidency. He is a Republican and has always affiliated with that party, still he is not a man that would hesitate to vote for a good man on any other ticket in the event that the corresponding Republican candidate in his opinion were unworthy of trust.

Dec. 16, 1891, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Sena Nielsen, daughter of Lars Peter Nielsen, a well known real estate dealer of Moline. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson is brightened by the presence of a son, Frederic Nielsen, born in 1903.

CARL PETER BOHMAN

was born in Mörlunda, Småland, Sweden, Aug. 19, 1847. His



CARL PETER BOHMAN

parents, C. M. Carlson, a laborer, and his wife, Clara Peterson, bestowed on their son the ordinary schooling.

Mr. Bohman emigrated in 1867, going to Rockford, where he lived for six years, subsequently locating permanently in Moline, in 1873. Here his parents passed away, the father in 1887 and the mother in 1896.

Shortly after removing to Moline, Mr. Bohman obtained employment in the hardware store of Reid and Witter, and has remained with that same firm for thirty years.

Nov. 18, 1871, Mr. Bohman was married to Maria L. Carlson,

born in Småland, Sweden, May 22, 1850. Their children are: William R., born in 1873; Selma L., born in 1875; Carl E., born in 1878; Esther E., born in 1882; Oscar T., born in 1884, and Clarence, born in 1893. Mrs. Bohman passed away at Moline, Jan. 25, 1901, and one son, Joseph G., died in December of the same year. William R. Bohman was employed at the Augustana Book Concern in Rock Island for seventeen years and is now a successful farmer at Oakland, Neb. He is married to Miss Ellen Lindblom. Carl E. is manager of the New York City branch of the same publishing house. His wife's name was Emily Lilja. Oscar T. is teller and bookkeeper in the Moline Trust and Savings Bank.

The elder Bohman is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church and has served on its board of deacons for eighteen years and taught in its Sunday school for three decades. Mr. Bohman is a property owner in both Moline and Rock Island.

GUST ED,

a prominent contractor of Moline, was born in Sweden, Dec. 8, 1850. Emigrating in 1872, he settled in Moline, where he has lived ever since. Twenty-two years ago he engaged in the business of building contractor and since then has erected most of the large bnildings in the city. At times he has had as high as two hundred men in his employ. Of late years his sons have been associates in the business. Mr. Ed is financially interested in various enterprises, including the Moline Furniture



GUST ED

Company and the East Moline Brick Company, and is president of the Moline Manufacturing Company. He was married Aug. 30, 1873, to Miss Helen Christine Anderson. The family belongs to the Mission Tabernacle.

EMIL ALEXIUS EDLÉN,

physician and surgeon, was born July 14, 1859, at Kungslena, Vestergötland, Sweden, where his parents, Anders Fredrikson and Anna Maria Bengtson, are still living on their farm. In Sweden, after finishing common school, he entered military service and after two years was graduated in 1880, with the highest honors, from the Karlsborg military school. The same year he left for the United States, and lived in Moline for four years. In 1884 he entered

Augustana College and graduated with the class of 1888. As a student he was flutist and clari-



EMIL ALEXIUS EDLÉN

netist of the college band and orchestra, conducted the college choir for one year and for five years before and after graduation was instructor in gymnastics at the institution.

From Augustana Mr. Edlén went to the State University of Minnesota. After taking one year in the medical department, he spent a year studying the sciences at Augustana, then returned to the university, graduating in June, 1892. Having been admitted to practice, he located in St. Paul, but in December of the same year removed to Moline, where he has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for upwards of fifteen years.

Dr. Edlén is a member of the staff of the Moline Public Hospital and of the adjunct staff of St. Anthony's Hospital in Rock Island and the Mercy Hospital in Davenport, Iowa. He belongs to the Rock Island County Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is chief medical director of the North Star Benefit Association and examiner for a number of insurance companies and societies, serves on the public library board, for three years was commanding officer of the Moline Naval Reserves and is first vice-president and a director of the Rock Island Tropical Plantation Company.

Dr. Edlén was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Lindgren of Minneapolis, July 2, 1892. They have two daughters, Anna Viola Carolina, born 1893, and Olga Elizabeth Wilhelmina, born 1897. The family is connected with the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Dr. Edlén early showed literary ability, frequently contributing verse to newspapers and periodicals. As a medical man he has written a number of treatises, many of which have appeared in scientific journals, for instance: in the *New York Medical Journal*—"Tuberculosis, with Special Reference to Its Prevention and Treatment," and "Ulcers of the Leg;" in the *Medical Age*—"Observations on Influenza," being a paper read before the Iowa and Illinois Central District Medical Association; in the *Illinois Medical Journal*—"Diptheria and Its Management," "Psychotherapeutics," a paper read before the Illinois

State Medical Society, and "Colles's Fracture;" in the *New Albany (Ind.) Medical Journal*—"Summer Diarrhea in Children." Several of these articles have been reprinted or commented upon in scientific journals in Europe, such as *La Presse Medicale* and *Deutsche Medicinische Wochenschrift.*

Hulda C. Edlén, wife of Dr. Edlén, was born in Skirö parish, Småland, Sweden, Oct 27, 1864. She was given careful training and a good education by her parents, Carl A. Lindgren, a gentleman farmer and grain merchant, and his wife Albertina, née Oijström. Besides public school she was taught languages and music by private teachers and later took general studies at a private boarding school for girls. She came to the United States in 1886 and the following year obtained a position as copyist, translator and interpreter in the office of the register of deeds in the Hennepin county court house at Minneapolis. This position she held until a short time before her marriage in 1892. Mrs. Edlén possesses literary talent and has contributed occasionally to *Hvetland-Posten* in Sweden and to *Svenska Folkets Tidning*, *Ungdomsvännen* and other newspapers and periodicals in this country. She is a member of, and has held various offices in the following societies: the Veronica Society of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Moline, the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, the Swedish Literary Club, the North Star Benefit Association, the Court of Honor, The Loyal Americans and the Ladies' Independent Order of of Svithiod. She is also a member of the Woman's Club of Moline, and has served for some time on the Woman's Hospital Board.

JAN MAGNUS BONGGREN

was born Aug. 26, 1862, Håbol, Dalsland, Sweden. He was educated at a teacher's seminary, a military academy, and a school of technology. He is a photographer by occupation and has devoted some time to journalism, and writes occasional correspondences to the newspapers. He has no affiliations with churches or fraternal organizations. Mr. Bonggren is a brother of Jakob Bonggren, editor of Svenska Amerikanaren.



JAN MAGNUS BONGGREN

FREDERICK GRAFLUND,

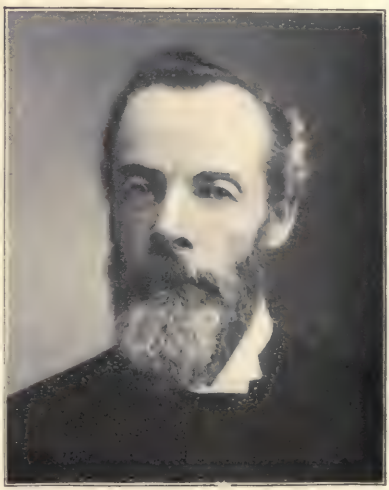
who was the first Swedish dentist in the Tri-Cities, located in Moline in Jan. 1903, and opened a dental office here April 1, the same year. He is a native of Karlstad, Sweden, where he was born Nov. 26, 1877. On his sixteenth birthday in 1892, he came to the United States, after having attended elementary schools in Kristinehamn and Kristianstad. He started working in the dental office of Dr. P. Wm. Thorelius in Chicaga, in November of that year, remaining as his assistant till May 1, 1900, when he opened his own office in Lake View, having previously completed the courses at the Northwestern University Dental School, formerly American College of Dental Surgery, which he entered in the fall of 1895, graduating in 1898 with high standing in a class of 177 members. He is of the Protestant Episcopal faith and served for some years as secretary of the St. Ansgar Church of Moline. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and was guide in the Monitor Council 1414 of that order in 1900, while living in Chicago.



FREDERICK GRAFLUND

CARL A. HEMBORG,

pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Moline for a long term of years before his removal to Nebraska, was born in Hemsjö, Småland, Sweden, Feb. 3, 1847. His father, Anders Jönsson, was a farmer. The son pursued collegiate studies at Vexiö from 1865 to 1870 and, emigrating in 1871, continued his studies at Augustana College, then located at Paxton, Ill., from 1871 to 1874, taking a theological course fitting him for the ministry in the Augustana Synod. He was ordained in Rockford June 28, 1874, and has had



CARL AUGUST HEMBORG

charge of congregations in Dayton, Iowa, 1874–92, in Gowrie, Iowa, 1874–77, in Moline from 1892 to 1904, when he resigned to assume pastoral charge at Stromsburg, Neb. While in Iowa, he served as president of the Iowa Conference for six years from 1886 and, after coming to Moline, was elected president of the Illinois Conference in 1903. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1902 by Augustana College.

Dr. Hemborg is a devoted amateur astronomer and is the author of two books, "Ord, Verk och Hvila," and "Glimpses of the Stars," consisting of original thoughts and phantasies, partly scientific, partly devotional, based on astronomical and biblical data.

Feb. 2, 1877, Rev. Hemborg married Miss Jennie Ryden, of Bernadotte, Minn., born Feb. 8, 1859. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Ryden. Of seven children born to Dr. and Mrs. Hemborg, the following six are living: Constans Alexis, born 1877; Carl Robert Philip, 1884; Claudia Sophia, 1886; Emma Evelyn, 1896; Harold Benjamin, 1899; Richard Edwin, 1904.

ANDREW G. JOHNSON

was born in Ljungby parish, Småland, Sweden, Dec. 25, 1857, the son of Johannes Jönsson, a farmer. His father died in 1889 and his mother, Anna Christina Andersson, in 1904, both in Sweden. The son enjoyed instruction privately and in a pension school up to fifteen years of age, when he left for America and came to Chicago to live. Entering the Northwestern Academy at Evanston he



ANDREW G. JOHNSON

continued through the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary, graduating from the latter in 1878. After his ordination he has been stationed in the following places, viz., Minneapolis, 1878; New York, 1881; St. Paul, 1885; Galesburg, 1890; Bethany Church, Chicago, 1892–93; Moline, 1901–04; St. Paul, 1904–07.

When transferred to Chicago in 1892, Rev. Johnson was chosen financial agent of the Bethany Home, erected in Ravenswood the same year with money solicited by him. In July, 1893, he took charge of the Swedish M. E. Book Concern as publishing agent and manager and filled that position for eight years, ridding the business of debt and conducting it in a successful manner.

After leaving Moline in 1904,

Rev. Johnson has traveled extensively in the states and preached wherever opportunity offered. He is now the publisher and editor of the *Royal Star*, a monthly magazine, with office at St. Paul, Minn.

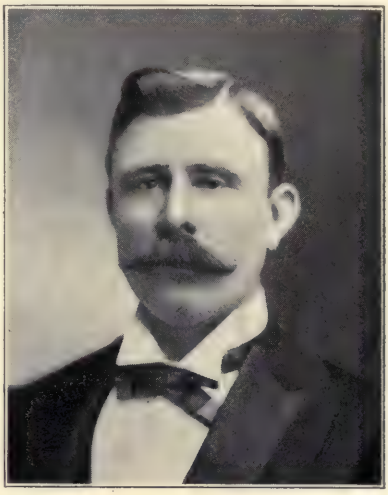
Wherever Rev. Johnson has had pastoral charge, he has put forth great effort to increase his flock and place the property and church finances in good shape, with very satisfactory results in every instance.

The family of Rev. Johnson consists of a wife, Selma C. Johnson of Chicago, born Aug. 12, 1867. and the children, Roy D. G., born 1890; Clarence, 1891; Walter L. Y., 1899; Paul Wesley, 1902, and Evelyn Phoebe May, 1906.

During the twenty-eight years Rev. Johnson has been a member of the Central Swedish Conference, he has been secretary or treasurer almost the whole time.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON,

president and treasurer of the Moline Furniture Works, is a native of Henry county, Ill., where his parents, Sven P. Johnson and Christina Peterson, were early settlers. He was born Oct. 9, 1857, and received his early education in the common schools. In September, 1889, his father, who was a prosperous farmer, died, and not long afterward the sons, George and Julius, began to devote themselves to other pursuits than agriculture. George soon made his home in Moline and engaged in business. He became interested in the manufacture of furniture by associating himself with other of his country-



GEORGE W. JOHNSON

men in a cooperative plant now known as the Moline Furniture Works. The concern for several years led a precarious existence, but by the substantial financial backing furnished by Mr. Johnson and others the enterprise was put on its legs and is now in a prosperous condition and enjoying constant growth, due in great measure to the business acumen and intelligent management of Mr. Johnson who is the executive head of the establishment.

Taking an active interest in political affairs, Mr. Johnson has won preferment at different times. During President Harrison's adminstration he held the office of postmaster at Orion, Ill. and by the people of his present district he was twice elected to the state legislature, serving in the forty-

first and forty-second General Assembly.

May 31, 1882, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Caroline F. Hagg of Henry county, born Nov. 21, 1858. In the family four children have been born, a daughter, who died, and the three sons: C. Mauritz, born July 11, 1885, Estey E., Dec. 21, 1887, and George Franklin, May 29, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Moline.

LAWRENCE A. JOHNSTON,

minister of the Augustana Synod and present pastor of the Swedish



LAWRENCE ALBERT JOHNSTON

Lutheran Church of Moline, is a native American of Swedish descent. His parents, Fredrick J. Johnson, a carpenter and building contractor, and Charlotte Johnson, both from Hessleby, Småland, Sweden, were among the earliest settlers in the East. They emigrated to America in 1846, bound for New Sweden, Ia., but lack of funds cut their journey short at Buffalo, where they remained two years before locating permanently at Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania.

Here Rev. L. A. Johnston was born Aug. 12, 1855. He attended the public school, had private instruction in music during four years, and attended high school for three years before entering Augustana College (at Paxton) in 1874, graduated from that institution (at Rock Island) in 1879, and was the valedictorian of his class. As a student he gave private lessons in music and earlier served as organist of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Chandlers Valley, Pennsylvania.

After two years of study in the theological seminary of the same institution, he was ordained minister in the spring of 1881. His first pastoral charge after ordination was at Des Moines, 1881–1886; the next at Rockford, 1886–1894; the third at St. Paul, 1894–1904, and the last at Moline, 1904 to the present.

Rev. Mr. Johnston has frequently been called to positions of trust and responsibility in the church he serves and has been active in varied fields, as shown by the following list of offices held by him: president of the Bethania Pub. Co. and associate editor of *Bethania*, bi-monthly religious organ of the Iowa Conference; vice-president of that conference in 1886; vice-president

of the Illinois Conference 1891–94; elected president the latter year, but resigned on leaving Rockford; member of the board of directors of the Augustana Hospital 1905–1908, of the Augustana Book Concern continuously from its organization, of Augustana College since 1893, being chairman 1893–94 and 1905, of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and president of the board, 1895–98, again a member 1902–04, of the Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul, 1895–98 and chairman of the board for three years, vice-president of the Minnesota Conference 1902–1904 and of the deaconess Institute of Omaha 1904–05. Furthermore, he has served on the mission board of the Augustana Synod, has acted as associate editor of *Ungdomsvännen* for several years, and is at present vice-president of the Augustana Synod and Swedish secretary of the General Council of the Lutheran Church of America for a two year term, 1905–07.

In 1901 the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary conferred upon Rev. Johnston the honorary degree of D. D. In 1903 he published a little book entitled, "Be Thou Faithful, Words of Advice, Comfort and Cheer to the Confirmed."

Dr. Johnston is often heard from the public platform. He has made a large number of addresses on temperance and on topics of especial interest to young people, and has spoken at numerous church conventions and public meetings, also lecturing on historical, patriotic, social and economic subjects. One of his most noteworthy discourses was on "The Swedish Element in American Civilization," delivered before the General Synod Chautauqua Assembly at Dixon, Ill. Dr. Johnston has perfect mastery of both the Swedish and the English languages and is held one of the foremost Swedish-American pulpit orators.

JOHN A. JÄDER,

former pastor of the local Baptist church, was born in Rytterne, Swe-



JOHN A. JÄDER

den, Nov. 2, 1849 and came over to this country and to Moline, in 1902. He served for thirteen years as a non-commissioned officer in the Swedish army. After studying theology at a Baptist seminary he was ordained minister and has served in that capac-

ity in Sweden and the United States. Since 1905 he has been stationed at Lindsborg, Kansas. He has published several works and has contributed largely to the religious press. He was married in 1870, to Charlotta Ohlson, the fruits of the union being nine children, seven sons, Carl, Axel, David, Edwin, Filip, Fabian and Gustaf, and two daughters, Anna and Maria.

FRANK A. LANDEE,

well-known merchant and a member of the Forty-fifth General



FRANK. A. LANDEE

Assembly of Illinois, was born in Småland, Sweden, Aug. 11, 1852. Both parents having died, Frank, with a younger brother, emigrated in 1866. He worked on the farm in Knox county for the next three years, attending school in the winter months, then took a course at a business college in Galesburg. In 1869 he went to Peoria and was in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Co. there for two years, up to the time of the great fire in Chicago, when he was transferred to that city and soon made foreman of telegraph construction. After holding a position with the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Co. for one year, Landee returned to his former position with the Western Union in 1874. In 1876–77 he was their office electrician in Chicago and in the next two years built telephone exchanges for the company, which was then also in that line of business. It was Landee who put in the first half a hundred telephones in Chicago. He also built exchanges in Peoria, Springfield, Quincy, Rock Island, Moline, Dubuque, Davenport and Keokuk, being one of the pioneers in that line of work.

In 1880, Mr. Landee was appointed superintendent of construction of the Mutual Union, a new telegraph company, and the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Co. He served as joint superintendent for a year, then remained two years more with the former. When that concern sold out to the Western Union in 1883, Landee became joint general foreman of the telegraph and electric department of the C. R. I. & P. Railway Co. and the Western Union, with 8,000 miles of railroad, extending into 11 states and 3 territories. He remained with them until 1903, when he resigned to devote himself entirely to private business.

He is the proprietor of a large grocery store; interested in the Moline Furniture Works, being vice-president of the company; also vice-president and treasurer of the Moline Stone Co., and director of the People's Savings and Trust Co. of Moline.

In 1906, Mr. Landee was elected to represent the 33d district in the state senate, having earned the distinction by unrewarded political activity for many years. He has held the office of president of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois.

Mr. Landee is chairman of the board of trustees of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Moline, and was a member of the board of directors of Augustana College for eight years. He is chairman of the trustees of the Court of Honor Lodge, a leading member of the Swedish Olive Lodge, I. O. O. F., and chairman of the committee in charge of the construction of its $50,000 building, and was chairman of the trustees of the Olive Lodge for several years. He is a member of the Moline Club, Moline Business Association, Moline Retail Merchants' Association, the Telegraphers' Mutual Association and the North Star Benefit Association, of which he was chief treasurer for six years.

Five patents have been granted on electrical devices invented by Mr. Landee and are now in practical use. Several inventions and improvements made by him but not patented are generally used by telegraph and telephone companies. Two of these, in particular, ought to have brought their inventor substantial returns.

In 1879, April 9, Mr. Landee married Miss Hanna Johnson, born March 9, 1858, daughter of A. M. and Charlotte Johnson, of Knoxville. The children in the Landee family are: Effie L., born in 1880, deceased; George Edward, born in 1882; Frank J. born in 1884; Marion H. C., born in 1886; Anna Irene, born in 1892. George Edward is married to Alma Swenson of Moline. The Landees reside at 1207 Fifth avenue.

ALBERT J. LYDEHN,

who has been established in Moline for eight years as a druggist, is a native of the city, being born here July 7, 1876. His father, Andrew P. Lydehn, died in 1900.

Albert attended the public school; later he took a course in chemistry at Augustana College and completed his studies with a regular course in pharmacy at the Northwestern University, being graduated from that institution.

He is a member of the Moline Naval Militia and the apothecary of that organization.

Mr. Lydehn has traveled extensively in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, Germany and England.

ANDREW J. LYON

was born in Torpa parish, Östergötland, Sept. 12, 1860. Coming to America in 1882 he lived for five years near Galesburg, where

he worked on a farm. From there he came to Moline and was employed as a mason's apprentice



ANDREW J. LYON

until he had mastered the trade, when he started in business for himself as a brick and stone masonry contractor. Since the spring of 1907 he has been farming in Illinois City, Rock Island county.

Mr. Lyon was married in May, 1890, in Moline, to Maria Gustafva Anderson, who is now the mother of seven children, three sons and four daughters.

JOHN P. MILLER,

present pastor of the Swedish M. E. Church of Moline, was born in Sjösäter, Örtomta parish, Östergötland, Sweden, Sept. 4, 1866. Equipped with a common school education, he left his home for America at the age of twenty. His parents, Jonas Pehrsson, a farmer, and his wife, Anna Lovisa Johnson, are still living in the old country.

Mr. Miller lived in Des Moines, Ia., for the next three years, holding a position with the F. O. Wennerberg grocery firm. He left there in 1889 to pursue studies fitting him for the ministry. Entering the Swedish Theological Seminary at Evanston, he continued there for three years, and afterward took one year at Knox College, Galesburg. Having graduated from the Evanston institution in 1892, he was ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Moline in September of that year, by Bishop R. S. Foster. His subsequent pastoral



JOHN P. MILLER

charges have been at Kewanee, Victoria and Bloomington, before coming to Moline.

Rev. Miller was married Oct. 3, 1894, to Miss Hilda S. Eklund of Kewanee, born Nov. 10, 1872, in the city of Borås, Sweden, where her parents are still living.

ADOLPH G. NELSON,

pastor of the Free Mission Church, was born at Bomåla,



ADOLPH GOTTFRID NELSON

Morlunda parish, Småland, Aug. 22, 1870. The parents were farmers. His father, Nils Fredrik Högren, died in the old home in 1882. The son emigrated to the United States in the spring of 1888 and located in Beresford, S. D., whither his mother followed him, passing away at that place in 1898.

Having obtained an elementary education in the school of his native place Mr. Nelson, after working some time as a wage earner in this country, began to fit himself for the Gospel ministry. After completing a course of study he became a preacher of the Free Mission church. Since that time he has been stationed at Beresford, S. D., for three years, at Omaha for a like period, and at Moline for the past three years and over. Prior to that Rev. Nelson labored for seven years as a traveling evangelist.

Oct. 10, 1895, Rev. Nelson was married to Miss Alma Young of Cherokee, Iowa, born Nov. 28, 1871. A son, Elving Abraham Emanuel, was born to them at Beresford, in 1897.

JOHANNES PETERSON,

manufacturer of pianos and organs, was born in Gräsmark parish,



JOHANNES PETERSON

Vermland, Sweden, and emigrated in 1868. After his arrival in this country he at first lived in Lindsborg, Kas., before coming to Moline. Having studied for three years at Augustana College, he entered practical life. We soon find him engaged in the manufacture of reed organs, a business which has gradually grown to large proportions. Not many years ago the firm of J. Peterson Co. took

up the manufacture of pianos. While the bulk of the trade is in the United States, yet they have quite an extensive foreign trade, shipping instruments to the Scandinavian countries, all Europe, East India, China, Africa and South America. The company takes pride in the fact that the first parlor organs ever used in Porto Rico were of their make. A few years ago the growth of business made extensions to the factory necessary and the company now has a three story structure covering one quarter of a block. Mr. Peterson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

G. LEANDER PETERSON,

president of the North Star Benefit Association, with head office at Moline, was born on a farm in Henry county, near Swedona, Dec. 24, 1864. His grandparents were the third Swedish family that settled in Mercer county. He has studied at Augustana and at the Davenport Business College. In the early nineties he was associated with Ernst W. Olson, G. A. Gustafson and Julius Johnson in publishing *Nya Pressen*, a Swedish weekly newspaper, at Moline and later at Chicago. For two terms he served as assistant clerk of the House of Representatives at Springfield. He is a member of the Emanuel Swedish Lutheran Church at East Moline, having acted as secretary and trustee.

Mr. Peterson is a man of varied activities as shown by the number of positions of trust to which he has been chosen. Thus he was for a term of years secretary



G. LEANDER PETERSON

and later president of the North Star Benefit Association, a fraternal insurance association; is president of the Svea Male Chorus of Moline; has been president of the Western Division of the American Union of Swedish Singers; has served on the board of directors of Augustana College and Theological Seminary; has served for a number of years as president of the board of trustees of the Augustana University Association; has been vice-president for Rock Island county of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois, besides being one of its organizers, and secretary of the Rock Island County Central Committee. Mr. Peterson is now president of the Rock Island Tropical Plantation Company.

FRANK W. SHALLENE,

senior member of the firm of Shallene Bros., furniture dealers, was



FRANK WILGOT SHALLENE

born April 7, 1867, at Kotorp, Kinneved, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, where his father, Johannes Carlson, was a farmer. He died at the old homestead in 1882, whereupon the mother, Charlotta, née Back, joined her sons in Moline, where she died in 1902.

Frank Shallene worked for his father on the farm in early life, attending the common school of the parish less than one calendar year. When seventeen years of age, he left the old home, destined for America, arriving in Moline on Midsummer Day, 1884. The first summer he worked on a farm near Geneseo and later obtained employment at common labor with the Moline Wagon Co. The next year he got work at the Union Malleable Iron Works and soon after began learning the molder's trade. The summer of 1889 was spent in Denver, where he worked on the construction of a cable street car line. Returning to Moline he was employed as a molder in various shops until 1903, when, with a little accumulation of savings as a capital, he embarked in the furniture business in partnership with his younger brother, John N. Shallene. In 1906 they abandoned their old quarters and moved into a new four story building, 1513–15 Fifth ave., where they carry a large stock of furniture, carpets, rugs and stoves, and have the largest furniture store in the city.

Sept. 23, 1896, Mr. Shallene married Miss Almina Engdahl, a young lady of Geneseo, born Jan. 27, 1872. Her parents are John and Anna Engdahl. Mr. and Mrs. Shallene have three sons, Wilbert Engdahl, born 1897, Milton Linneus, 1901, and Bertel Rudolph, 1904. Milton L. died Dec. 15, 1906.

The family is connected with the Swedish Luth. Church, and Mr. Shallene, besides, belongs to the Swedish Olive Lodge of I. O. O. F. and the King Philip Tribe of Red Men. He has always been a Republican.

JOHN N. SHALLENE,

junior member of the firm of Shallene Bros., dealers in furniture, was born Dec. 27, 1870, in Kinneved parish, Skaraborgs län, Sweden. Up to the age of fourteen he attended the parish school. Then he accompanied his elder

brother to the United States, and, like him, located in Moline.

After learning the molders' trade at the Union Malleable Iron Co.'s



JOHN NATHANAEL SHALLENE

plant, he was employed at their works and also by the Barnard & Leas Manufacturing Co. of Moline and by the Forbes Manufacturing Co. of Rockford for various periods, until he engaged in the furniture business in 1903.

Mr. Shallene has shown his public spirit by active affiliation with a number of fraternal, political and industrial organizations. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1900 he was chosen Sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men, after having held other offices in the local lodge, and he is now a member of the Past Sachems' Association. Of the Union Protective Aid Association he was the president in 1899 and has served four years on its board of directors. He belongs to the North Star Benefit Association, was Astronomer of the local observatory in 1903 and member of the board of directors for three years. He is an honorary member of the Iron Molders' Union and served as trustee for three years from 1900. He is a member of the Swedish-American Republican Club and has served as its vice-president and treasurer. In the Svea Male Chorus he is a passive member.

His marriage took place June 15, 1905, the bride being Minnie Eveline Nelson, daughter of Peter N. Nelson of Moline. Mrs. Shallene was born Feb. 28, 1877. They are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

FRED SUNDEEN

was born Sept. 23, 1860, at Bergsjönäs, Vermland, Sweden,



FRED SUNDEEN

where his parents, Olof and Kajsa Stina Olson, lived on a farm. In 1875 his father died, followed by his wife in 1888. The son was put to work at an early age

and was permitted to attend school only a few weeks out of the year. At twenty-two he left home bound for America and came to Davenport, Ia., in the spring of 1882, locating permanently at Moline in October of the same year. Here he conducted a grocery store for fourteen years, whereupon he changed his line of business and for over four years has been a clothing merchant.

Mr. Sundeen has served two terms on the board of supervisors of Rock Island county. He is well-known in fraternal circles, being a member of the local lodges of the orders of Svithiod, the Vikings, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. He is treasurer of the Freja lodge of Svithiod and of the Mutual Insurance Company.

On May 27, 1886, Mr. Sundeen was united in marriage to Maria Hirsch, born April 7, 1863, daughter of Sven Johan Hirsch of Hvetlanda, Småland. Three daughters have been born to them, namely, Ruby Maria, 1887, Esther Louisa, 1889, and Elvira Almida, 1892.

In 1901 Mr. Sundeen took a vacation from his steady occupation as storekeeper and went on a three months' visit to his native land.

JOHN SUNDINE,

business manager of the Moline Daily *Dispatch* and Moline *Review-Dispatch* is a native of Moline, where he was born July 20, 1876. His parents were Carl Sundine, who was for many years engaged in mercantile business, and Augusta (Johnson) Sundine, who passed away in Moline Oct. 17, 1887.



JOHN SUNDINE

After having obtained an education in the graded and high schools, being employed meanwhile as a newspaper carrier and grocery clerk in his father's store, he began work as a news reporter, first on the Moline *Journal*, then on the *Dispatch*. After a time he became circulation manager on the last named daily, and was later promoted to the position of business manager, which he now holds.

During the Spanish-American War Mr. Sundine served in the navy as fleet printer under Admiral Remey, on board the U. S. S. Lancaster, stationed at Key West. He was also assistant to Flag Secretary Belknap, in the government office at that point.

Mr. Sundine's career has been rapid and his record is clear-cut.

He has been active in politics, but not as yet held any public office. Since he reached the voting age he has been a member of the Republican city central committee, of which he is now chairman. He has been a delegate to every Republican county convention and has served as sergeant-at-arms at the last two Republican national conventions.

He is connected with the following organizations: the Swedish Olive Lodge of Odd Fellows, the Elks, the Svithiod order, the N. S. B. A., the Moline Club and the Chicago Press Club.

The parents of Mr. Sundine are old and devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

SWAN TROPP,

president of the Moline Stone Co., was born in Grenna parish, Småland, Sweden, Nov. 7, 1841, and had his schooling in the old country. He emigrated in 1868, coming first to Rockford. From there he moved to Moline, where he engaged in the ice and stone business on a small scale. Together with Andrew Shallberg he opened a stone quarry in 1874, drilling by hand and employing two teams in hauling. Shallberg subsequently sold out his share in the business to J. W. Atkinson, he and Tropp now being the sole owners of the Moline Stone Company, which at this time employs steam drills and ships about 200 carloads per month besides all material used in Moline and neighboring cities. The payroll amounts to $3,500 per month. Mr. Tropp also continues in the ice business on his own account. He is married and the pair are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Moline.



SWAN TROPP

Mr. Tropp has served as alderman in the city council of Moline for four years.

JOHN ALFRED GODEHN,

assistant postmaster of Moline, was born i Drengsered parish, Halland, Sweden, July 7, 1853. His father, John J. Godehn, who was a farmer and a carpenter, came to America in 1870, and was joined by his son John the following year. They located in Moline, where the father died in 1878 and the mother in 1904. Mr. Godehn's schooling was limited to the common branches taught in the country schools of Sweden. At thirteen he began work on the farm, and since coming to this country he has had no opportunity for study except

in the school of actual life. He began as a common laborer in Moline, then obtained a situation



JOHN ALFRED GODEHN

as a coachman in Rock Island. Returning to Sweden in 1874, he brought back with him his mother and his brother, Carl Henning, in May, 1875. For the next two years he was employed by S. H. Velic as a coachman, and for three summers as a gardner, the winters being spent in the Deere Plow Works. For five years more he had steady employment in this factory, being in charge of the machinery and store supply house in 1884–7. After working as a grocery salesman, Mr. Godehn was for three years, 1887–90, manager of a cooperative grocery store owned by the Swedish Association Kronan. For the same length of time he was associated with C. G. Thulin and John A. Freeman in the retail grocery business. Selling his interest to his copartners in 1893, he next became secretary and collector of the Twin City Ice Co. In 1899 he purchased an interest in the Sylvan Ice Co. and the Moline Ice Co., and held the office of secretary and treasurer until April, 1906, when he entered upon his present duties as assistant postmaster. He still retains his interest in the ice business.

Mr. Godehn is a Republican in politics and is one of the original members of the Swedish-American Republican Club of Moline, in which he has served two terms as president and three as secretary. In 1887 he was elected to the city council and in 1904 on the board of supervisors.

In the Swedish Luth. Church, of which he is a member, Mr. Godehn has been one of the trustees for 11 years and is now serving his twentieth year as secretary. Since 1872, when he joined the church, he has taken an active part in the work of its various organizations.

On Nov. 7, 1888, Mr. Godehn married Miss Anna Mathilda Fredrickson of Chicago, born March 7, 1862. They have a family of six children: Johanna Irene Dorothea Ruth, born 1889; Anna Maria Alina, '91; Ruehl Ariel, '92; Esther Agatha, '95; Hedvig Catharina, '97; Selma Alfrida, 1900.

ANDREW G. ANDERSON

was born in Sweden, Dec. 4, 1857, the son of Olof Anderson, a farmer, who with his family emigrated in 1870, settling at Red Wing, Minn. The son ob-

tained his first schooling in the old country, continuing his studies in Red Wing. In 1873, he se-



ANDREW G. ANDERSON

cured a position in the office of *Luthersk Kyrkotidning* where he remained until the next year when he went to Rock Island at the time the *Augustana*, the church organ of the Augustana Synod, was removed from Chicago to the Swedish Lutheran seat of learning. When his first employer sold his business, Mr. Anderson continued with his successors and became a member of the firm of Wistrand, Thulin and Anderson, of Moline. After two years the firm sold out to the publishing board of the Augustana Synod. Mr. Anderson continued as foreman of the printing department until 1889, when he became manager and treasurer of the Augustana Book Concern, an office he has held ever since. Mr. Anderson has served on the board of directors of Augustana College for years, and has been appointed to various other positions of trust. He is a member of Zion Swedish Lutheran Church, where he has served as a deacon and Sunday school superintendent.

On Oct. 26, 1880, he was married to Miss Hilda L. Lindström, daughter of Johan P. Lindström of Moline. Two sons and three daughters have been born to them. His political support Mr. Anderson gives to the Republican party. He has served as alderman of the seventh ward for several terms and his word carried weight in the city council.

CARL JOHAN BENGSTON,

associate editor of *Augustana*, was born July 22, 1862, at Staf-



CARL JOHAN BENGSTON

singe, Sweden, where his father, Sven Johan Bengtson followed the tailor's trade. In 1875 the family came to this country and lived

two years in Corry, Pa., afterwards settling in Titusville, where they lived until 1899, when they removed to Jamestown, N. Y. There his mother, Neta Christina, née Andreasson, died in Nov. 1901.

C. J. Bengston attended public school in Sweden and the United States before going to Augustana in 1880. He entered the second class of the academic department in January of that year and graduated with the college class of '88 with the degree of A. B. Two years later he had completed the courses in the Theological Seminary of the same institution and after his ordination became pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Hartford, Ct. In August, 1893, he assumed charge of the churches at New Sweden and Upland, in Jefferson co., Ia., remaining in their service until 1900.

Rev. Bengston was secretary of the Iowa Conference 1898–1900, has served as secretary of the Church Extension Society since 1901 and as treasurer of the Augustana Synod since 1902.

In December, 1900, he assumed his present position as associate editor of *Augustana*, the official paper of the Synod. He is a member of the Zion Church of Rock Island, is now serving on the church council and as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Rev. Bengston was a member of the 28th General Assembly of Iowa, from Jefferson county, in 1900. He was married June 4, 1891, to Miss Emilie Otilia Swanson of Jamestown, N. Y., born July 18, 1866.

CARL AUGUST BLOMGREN, professor of Hebrew at Augustana Theological Seminary, was born



CARL AUGUST BLOMGREN

April 1, 1865, at the Solstad mine, in the parish of Misterhult, Småland, Sweden. When he was ten years old the family emigrated, settling in Calumet, Mich., where he attended public schools for the next five winters. In 1880 he entered the third class of the academic department of Augustana and in 1885 graduated from college with the degree of A. B. From that time until 1887 Mr. Blomgren supplied the pulpit of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Lowell, Mass., also pursuing higher studies at Harvard during the school year of 1886–87.

The following fall he entered the Senior class of Augustana Theological Seminary, was graduat-

ed in the spring of 1888 and ordained to the ministry in June 24, the same year, at the synodical meeting in Galesburg. Rev. Blomgren then took pastoral charge of the Swedish Lutheran churches at McKeesport, and Braddock, Pa. In 1890 he assumed the pastorate of Bridgeport and Stamford, Ct. For the next three years, along with his pastoral work, he pursued studies at Yale University, receiving the degree of Ph. D. from that institution in 1893. The following year Dr. Blomgren left his charges in Connecticut to become pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church in Philadelphia where he served from 1894 to 1904. During the years 1895 to 1898 he attended lectures in the Semitic department of the University of Pennsylvania, subsequently serving as instructor in Hebrew at the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary until 1904, when he left Philadelphia to assume a similar position at Augustana Theological Seminary. In 1905, after one year's service to his Alma Mater, Dr. Blomgren was called to occupy the chair of Hebrew as permanent professor. His other subjects are Theological Propædeutics and Biblical Introduction. Dr. Blomgren has written a work entitled "The Elements of the Christian Religion."

At Lowell, Mass., Feb. 13, 1889, Dr. Blomgren was united in marriage with Miss Sigrid Amalia Söderberg. Their children are three in number: Sigfrid Luther, born 1892, Svanhild Anna Margareta, 1895, and Mildred Hildegard Ione, 1899.

ANDERS OLOF BERSELL

Prof. A. O. Bersell, deceased, occupied the chair of Greek at



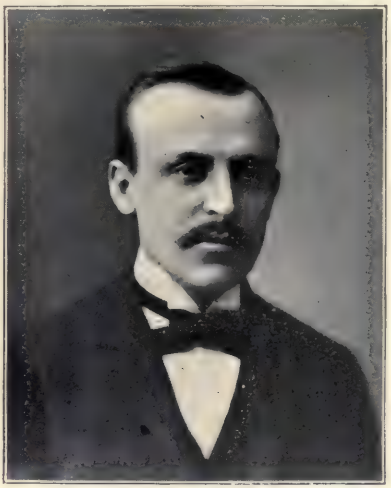
ANDERS OLOF BERSELL

Augustana College from the year 1880 until his death. He was born in the village of Utmeland, Mora parish, May 16, 1853. His first instruction was received in the public school of the parish. In 1868 he took a course in a normal school, subsequently teaching for four years in his home districts. At nineteen he resumed his studies and was graduated from college at Upsala in 1877. After serving as tutor for a year he returned to Upsala in order to pursue philosophical studies. He took the degree of Ph. Cand., after two years at the university, whereupon he became instructor in a mission school in Stockholm conducted by "Evangeliska Fos-

terlandsstiftelsen." In 1880 he received two calls from America simultaneously, one from Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minn., the other from Augustana, to become professor of Greek and German. He accepted the latter, and entered upon his duties in the fall of the same year. Besides Greek and German, he taught at different times Swedish, Latin, Philosophical Propaedeutics and religious subjects, his main subject, the Greek language and literature, eventually demanding a monopoly of his time and energy. He is the author of a Greek textbook, entitled, "Notes to Greek Grammar," also a first and second reader for the Swedish parochial schools, besides having done much literary work in the way of editing or contributing to the newspapers *Augustana*, *Ungdomsvännen* and *Hemvännen*, editing Christmas books for the young and translating juvenile stories from the Swedish and German languages. In 1894 the degree and title of Ph. D. was conferred on Prof. Bersell by the institution he so long served. He was a devoted churchman and served as a deacon in the Swedish Lutheran church of Moline and afterwards for many years in the Zion Church of Rock Island. He died Dec. 16, 1903, leaving a wife, Uma Bersell, née Lagerlund, and 12 children.

OLOF Z. CERVIN,

architect of the Augustana Synod, was born in Paxton, Ill., Oct. 18, 1868. His father was Rev. A. R. Cervin, Ph. D., for many years professor of Greek and mathematics at Augustana College



OLOF Z. CERVIN

and a pioneer in the spiritual and intellectual work among the Swedes of America. His mother's maiden name was Emma Thulin, sister to C. G. Thulin, treasurer of the Augustana Synod for a long term of years.

In 1887 Mr. Cervin graduated from Augustana College, and thereafter spent a year on the actual construction of buildings in Ishpeming and Houghton, Mich. After training for a few years with architects in Chicago and Rock Island, he entered Columbia College and in 1904 took the degree of Master of Arts, having written a "History of Colonial Architecture." This has been printed in two different publications.

After spending a year in a New York office he located in the twin

cities of Rock Island and Moline, Ill. Here he has erected a large number of buildings, among which are the Augustana Book Concern, a fireproof building, and the D., R. I. & N. W. Ry. station of Moline and Rock Island, also the Industrial Home, the Tabernacle of the Mission Friends, three large school buildings, Moline Wagon Co.'s warehouse and a number of factories and business buildings as well as residences in Moline and elsewhere, including specimens of Mexican, colonial and other styles of architecture. A six-story fireproof reinforced concrete office building has been erected in Rock Island from the plans of Mr. Cervin, being the first of its kind in that part of the country.

In 1896 he was appointed official church architect of the Augustana Synod. Since this time he has planned many churches, among which are those of Lake Park, Minn., Orion and Belvidere, Ill., Savonburg, Kans., Worcester, Mass., and Wausa, Neb. He has also planned the Orphans' Homes or additions to their old buildings in Andover, Ill., Vasa, Minn., Omaha, Neb., and Stanton, Ia.

Besides the history mentioned, he has written a historical sketch of the Spanish-Mexican Mission in California, which was published in an architectural journal in September, 1903, and a review of the church architecture of the Swedes in America, published in *Prärieblomman* for 1902.

It is needless to add that with such antecedents and a training of the kind his parents gave him, Mr. Cervin is deeply interested in the spiritual, intellectual and material prosperity of the Swedes in this country, wherever they may be located.

In recent years Mr. Cervin has made two European trips, principally for the study of architecture in Italy, but also visiting France, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

JOHN G. DAHLBERG

came to the United States at the age of twenty-two from



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Hvetlanda, Småland, Sweden where he was born March 28, 1862. Having worked as a farmhand for a couple of years, he was enrolled at Augustana College in 1882 and graduated with the class of 1889. Two years later he was graduated from the Augustana Seminary and ordained as a minister of the Gospel at the synodical meeting at

Chisago Lake, Minn. His first pastoral charge was the Swedish Lutheran Church of Altona, Ill., where he served 1891–99. He was then elected pastor of the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church of Rock Island in 1899 and served until 1905.

In 1891 he married Miss Emilia C. Envall of Galesburg, who died in November, 1892, after giving birth to a son, Carl Johan Emil. In 1898 Rev. Dahlberg married Miss Josephine Nelson, daughter of Swan Nelson of Altona. In this union he has two daughters, Florence Emilia Josephine, and Mildred Clara Olivia.

During the academic year of 1889–90, Rev. Dahlberg was assistant teacher of Swedish at his Alma Mater and was called to the chair of Swedish Language and Literature in 1893, but declined. The institution later conferred on him the degree of A. M. He was elected professor of Christianity at Augustana College and served for a short period, resigning in 1906.

Rev. Dahlberg is a member of the board of directors of Augustana College and has served several years as secretary and one year as president of that body; he was secretary of the Illinois Conference 1897–1902, member of the board of missions of the Augustana Synod 1899–1902, acting as its treasurer in 1899–1900 and secretary in 1901, and was elected secretary of the Synod in 1903, being reelected in 1905 and 1907. Since 1901 he has edited *Korsbaneret*, a devotional and historical annual publication of the Augustana Synod.

NILS FORSANDER,

professor of Church History, Symbolics, etc., in Augustana Theological Seminary, was born at Gladsax, Skåne, Sweden, Sept. 11, 1846. He first studied at the public college at Lund and subsequently at a private college in the same city. During the summer of 1870, he met Rev. T. N. Hasselquist, who was visiting Sweden, and the following fall accompanied him to Paxton, Ill., where he completed the theological course required for entering the ministry of the Augustana Synod. During the illness of Prof. A. J. Lindström in the spring term of 1871, Forsander taught his Latin and Greek classes. He was ordained minister in 1873 and, since that time, has had charge of the Swedish Lutheran congregations



NILS FORSANDER

in Aledo, Sagetown and Raritan, Ill., 1873–75, Kossuth, Ia., 1875–80, and the Bethesda Church in Page county, Ia., 1880–90. At different times during this period he acted as secretary of the Illinois and Iowa Conferences and of the Augustana Synod in 1887–90.

In the fall of 1889 he was called as acting professor in the Augustana Theological Seminary and in the following year was made regular professor, in which capacity he has taught and lectured in Church History, Symbolics, Isagogics, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Apologetics. In 1894 Rev. Forsander was given the honorary degree of D. D. by the trustees of the institution with which he is connected. In 1907, King Oscar II conferred upon him the order of the North Star. Upon his 60th birthday anniversary, Dr. Forsander's former students presented him with a bust of Olaus Petri, by Jean Le Veau.

As a theological writer Dr. Forsander has contributed both to the Swedish and the English literature of the Lutheran Church. While a young man he began by translating hymns from German to Swedish. Since then he has written for *Augustana*, *Luthersk Qvartalskrift*, *Ungdomsvännen*, *Korsbaneret*, *The Lutheran*, *The Lutheran Church Review*, *The Independent* and other periodicals. He is one of the editors of a Swedish-English theological quarterly, "*Tidskrift för teologi och kyrkliga frågor*." For *Kyrkohistorisk årsskrift* he has written a historical sketch of the Augustana Synod and for the "Lutheran Encyclopœdia" most of the articles on the Lutheran Church in Sweden. As a member of the editorial staff of *Augustana* and *Hemvännen* he contributed articles and stories to these papers. From the German he has translated quite extensively and has written a commentary on the unaltered Augsburg Confession, which has been published in two editions.

Dr. Forsander is a diligent student and has accumulated an extensive library, especially rich in theological literature.

Jan. 6, 1875, Dr. Forsander, then pastor of the Sagetown church, was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Charlotta Ahlgren of Burlington, Ia., born Aug. 4, 1852.

CLAUDE W. FOSS,

professor of History at Augustana College, was born in Geneva, Kane county, Ill., Aug. 28, 1855. His parents, Carl Johan and Charlotte Christine Foss, arrived in Chicago from Habo parish, Vestergötland, Sweden, in the summer of 1854. They settled in Geneva, Ill., but removed to Goodhue co., Minn., in 1858. His early training was obtained in the public schools and at the Red Wing Collegiate Institute. After having engaged in the work of a public school teacher for four years, he entered Augustana College in the the fall of 1879. Here he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in June, 1883, having also pursued studies of the scientific course.

In 1884 he was called to the chair of History and Political Science at Augustana College. In



CLAUDE W. FOSS

1888 he was elected vice-president of the institution, serving in that capacity until 1900. On the death of Dr. Hasselquist, he served as acting president until the election of Dr. Olsson as president in 1891. He continued to hold the position of vice-president under the entire presidency of Dr. Olsson, and upon the death of the latter, he was again appointed acting president, which position he held until June, 1901, when Dr. Gustav Andreen was elected president. Since that time he has devoted himself more exclusively to his chair and literary work.

The degree of Ph. D. was conferred on him by Augustana College in 1900. He is a member of the American Institute of Civics, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Historical Association and the Sw.-American Historical Society.

In politics he is a Republican, and takes a lively interest in all political matters, local, state and national.

Aug. 2, 1887, Dr. Foss was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Margaret Shuey of Augusta co., Virginia, born Feb. 14, 1863. They have no children, but an orphan niece, Martha Foss, fills the place of a daughter in their home. They are members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rock Island.

JOHN P. ENGSTRÖM,

manager of the Rock Island Wood Works, was born in Floda parish, Dalarne, Sweden, Aug. 4, 1859. At the age of twenty he came to the United States, locating first in Minneapolis. After working for a time as a cabinetmaker, he became foreman of the Bardwell & Robinson factory, a position he was able to fill creditably by reason of having taken a course in the sloyd school at Falun, Sweden. From Minneapolis he removed to Rock Island to become the mechanical head of the Wood Works in this city.

Mr. Engström was married in 1884 to Lizzie Engström; they have two daughters, Edith Eleonora and Maria Victoria, and a son, Frans Waldemar.

Mr. Engström is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen of America, the Elks, and the Independent Order of Svithiod.

CARL OTTO GRANERE,

librarian of Augustana College, was born in Granhult, Högsby



CARL OTTO GRANERE

parish, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 27, 1844. Having begun his studies at a preparatory school in Mörlunda, he later pursued a classical college course first in Linköping and then in Stockholm, where he was graduated in 1870. In compliance with a special invitation or call, he came to Augustana College and Theological Seminary, at that time located at Paxton, Ill., in the fall of 1870, arriving there on the anniversary of his birthday. Under the instruction and guidance of Dr. T. N. Hasselquist, he completed the prescribed theological course and graduated in May, 1871. At this time he was called as assistant professor at Augustana College and entered upon his duties as such the following September. He was ordained at Galesburg in 1872, and was called as regular professor of Latin and Swedish in 1873. During the years 1872–1876 he served also as assistant instructor in Church History and Doctrinal Theology at Augustana Seminary. He was regular professor of the Latin language and literature at Augustana College during the years 1873–1898, in the meantime also serving for many years both as secretary of the Faculty and as vice-president. In June, 1896, the Board of Directors conferred upon him the degree of Ph. D., and in 1898 they appointed him librarian of the institution.

Having lost his first wife, Sophia Albertina Wiborg, who died in May, 1883, Dr. Granere married his second wife, Marie Thomason, the 25th of Dec., 1887, and has had with her five children, four of whom are still living: Ruth Mirjam, Carl Emanuel, Helga Johanna and Hortensia Linnea.

OLOF GRAFSTRÖM,

head of the art department of Augustana College, is a painter of international renown. Both as a teacher of art and as a creative artist he has done much to develop the art instinct of the Swedish-American public. Grafström hails from the northern part of Sweden. This might almost be inferred from the stern and serious, not to say majestic tone of his landscapes. The never to be forgotten memories of the grandeur of the north have impressed their hall-

mark upon his art. In the southern part of the province of Medelpad Olof Grafström was born



OLOF GRAFSTRÖM

June 11, 1855; here he imbibed with the very atmosphere his great love of that land whose beauties he never tires of reproducing on canvas. Prof. Grafström is a member of the same family that has given Sweden two poets of renown. He is the son of the late C. P. Grafström of Attmar, who was judge of the district court and a man of oldfashioned integrity and honor. The son at an early age showed a talent for drawing and sketching, but took no interest whatever in the contents of the traditional green bag. Regardless of the boy's proclivities, the parents predestined him to the occupation of a farmer and, in order to give him an education beyond that bestowed by the common school, he was sent to the high school at Näfsta. There his talents were noticed, and Dr. Olof Wikström, then chairman of the school board, prevailed upon his the father to let the son devote himself to that career, for which he was most fitted. This led to his enrollment in 1875, at the age of 19, in the Academy of Fine Arts at Stockholm. His studies completed, he was graduated with the class in painting in 1882. Among his contemporaries at the art academy were many Swedish painters who subsequently won fame, such as Zorn, Liljefors, Bergh, Tirén, Kindborg and von Saltza.

From now on Grafström devoted himself to landscape studies, especially in northern Sweden, where he and a number of other artists made sketching tours throughout Dalarne and Lapland. Many canvases were the result of his trip, one being a landscape from the Qvickjock valley, purchased by King Oscar II. Having thus obtained recognition in Sweden, Grafström in 1886 went to the United States, locating in Portland, Ore. Here he soon made a success with his fine reproductions of the magnificent sceneries of the far Northwest, many being purchased at high prices for private collections or for public buildings and institutions. After three years in Portland he moved to Spokane in 1889, meeting with equally good fortune here. At an exhibition held at Spokane in 1890 and also at the annual exhibitions in Portland, Mr. Grafström showed some splendid pictures, chiefly landscapes.

One of these, with a motif from Lapland, won the large silver medal awarded at Portland. The press of the West Coast had only praise for Mr. Grafström's work.

Thus it will be seen that Prof. Grafström has accomplished not a little in the field of American art. But more is yet to be expected of this powerful wielder of the brush, and his past achievements warrant the belief that by his art he will contribute largely toward the art education of his nationality in this country.

Prof. Grafström was married June 15, 1904, to Miss Anna Nelson of Galesburg, herself a skillful painter.

OSCAR V. HOLMGRAIN

was born in Simtuna, Upland, Sweden, March 11, 1852. His



OSCAR V. HOLMGRAIN

father was C. A. Holmgren, musical director. The son studied at the Hudiksvall collegiate school and graduated in the spring of 1871. He went to Upsala in the fall of the same year, for the purpose of entering the university. Failing to secure the needed funds, in January, 1872, he entered as clerk several of the government departments at Stockholm, it being customary to register in two or more departments, thus getting an opportunity to make the best choice. The income being small, he decided to emigrate to America and arrived in New York in May, 1872, secured a position in a wholesale house in Philadelphia, and later in a jewelry store in Pittsburg, Pa. In the spring of 1879, he removed to Rock Island, and served as assistant teacher in Augustana College, while simultaneously studying theology in the Seminary. He was ordained a minister of the Lutheran Church in 1882 and has served the following churches: Beaver and Rankin, Ill., 1882–85; Worcester, Mass., 1885–87; Farmersville, Ford co., Ill., 1887–96; Chesterton, Ind., 1896–1900. Since April, 1900, he has been office editor of the Augustana Book Concern, at Rock Island. Rev. Holmgrain was county treasurer of Ford county, Ill. 1890–1894, secretary of the Illinois Conference 1889–91 and was treasurer of the same Conference 1896–1906.

June 24, 1882, Rev. Holmgrain was married to Jennie Christina Linderholm of Sterling, Ill., born April 25, 1860. Their two sons, Elmer Fredrick and Eric Oscar,

were born, respectively, 1888 and 1891.

C. EMANUEL HOFFSTEN,

former pastor of Grace English Lutheran Church of Rock Island,



CONRAD EMANUEL HOFFSTEN

was born March 26, 1876. When he was two years old, his parents removed to Philadelphia, where he obtained his public school and high school education, being graduated from the Central High School of Philadelphia in 1894 with the degree of A. B. In the fall of the same year he entered the Sophomore class of Augustana College, Rock Island, from which institution he was graduated in 1897, also with the degree af A. B. Mr. Hoffsten was valedictorian and was one of the highest honor men of his class. During the year 1897–8 he served as assistant to Dr. C. A. Evald, pastor of the Swedish Luth. Immanuel Church of Chicago. In the fall of 1898 he entered the Divinity Department of Augustana College and was graduated from that institution with the highest honors in 1901, receiving the degree of B. D. He was ordained by the Augustana Synod at Jamestown, N. Y., the same year. At once he assumed charge of Grace Lutheran Church of Rock Island, one of the few churches of the Augustana Synod in which the English language is exclusively used. He became known as an eloquent preacher and as an indefatigable and successful worker in the church. The heavy debt of the congregation was wiped out during his incumbency.

Since July, 1907, he has been pastor of the Harlem Swedish Lutheran Church of New York City.

The Rev. Mr. Hoffsten was united in marriage May 11, 1904, to Anna Fidelia Christina Evald, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Evald of Chicago. They have a daughter, Beatrice Frances Elizabeth, born Feb. 25, 1905.

ELOF KARDELL JONSON,

pastor of the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church of Rock Island, was born on the farm of his father, Carl Jonson, at Kantebo, Tveta parish, Småland, Sweden, June 23, 1878. His early schooling was obtained in his native land up to 1891, when he, with his parents, brothers and sisters, came to the United States. The family located at Cedarville, Minn., as farmers. They are now

living in Portland, Ore., having removed to Rockford in 1898 and from Rockford in 1905. The son



ELOF KARDELL JONSON

Elof left the work on the farm in 1895 and entered Augustana, graduating with the college class of 1901, with the degree of A. B. The same year he took first prize in the annual oratorical contest at the institution.

During 1902–1904 Mr. Jonson did post-graduate work at the University of Chicago in the subjects of New Testament and Church History. Returning to Augustana, he completed the theological course in 1905, obtained his diploma as Bachelor of Divinity and was ordained minister by the Augustana Synod June 11 that summer. Thereupon he took pastoral charge of the Zion church whose pulpit he still supplies. Rev. Jonson preached his first sermon at the age of sixteen, began actual preparation for entering the ministry at twenty and served as pastor's assistant in the Immanuel Church of Chicago in 1901–1902, before taking up divinity studies.

May 21, 1907, Rev. Jonson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Anderson of Rockford, Ill.

LINUS WARNER KLING,

professor of Latin at Augustana College, was born in Rockford, Ill., Sept. 14, 1872. His parents were Johan August Kling, a mechanic, who died in 1874, and his wife, Amalia Carolina Leijon. After graduating from the Rockford High School in 1888, he continued his studies at Augustana and graduated from that



LINUS WARNER KLING

institution with the class of '92.

During the school years 1893–96 Mr. Kling was instructor in Latin and English at Hope Academy, Moorhead, Minn., prior to which

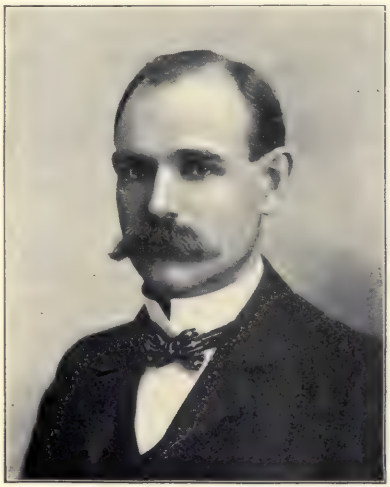
time he was for one year assistant principal of the high school at Stanton Iowa.

Leaving his position as teacher, Mr. Kling took up higher studies, first at the University of Nebraska, where he held a fellowship in 1898–99 and in the latter year took the degree of Master of Arts. Further studies were pursued in the Yale University Graduate School for two years, 1902–04, during the latter of which Mr. Kling held a scholarship.

After acting as assistant professor of Latin and Modern Languages at Augustana, from 1899 to 1902, Mr. Kling was called to the chair of Latin, which he now occupies. He is connected with the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church of Rock Island.

EMIL LARSON,

Director of the Augustana Conservatory of Music, was born at Åhus, Skåne, Sweden, Aug. 27, 1861. He was the youngest of seven sons of the local schoolmaster, John Larson, and his wife Gunilla. In 1863 the family emigrated, settling in Chicago, where Mr. Larson, Sr., was one of the first men engaged as teacher of the parish school of the Immanuel Church. Among the earliest investments of the family after reaching this country was the purchase of a melodeon, the precursor of the modern reed organ. With the aid of this instrument the children in turn endeavored to obtain a fundamental musical education. Oliver, one of the older brothers, became a singer and organist, and was



EMIL LARSON

in fact a pioneer in Swedish-American music, making a concert tour among the Swedish settlements in Illinois and Minnesota as far back as the '60s.

The son Emil acquired his musical education under difficulties. The family having lost everything in the great fire of 1871, he was obliged to begin work to help earn their living at an early age. The only time left him for study was after a ten hour working day in a book bindery. In the course of time he became a partner in the bindery business of Johnson and Larson.

In 1893 he sold his interest in the book bindery and thenceforth devoted himself entirely to the musical profession. Mr. Larson's studies were prosecuted

under the direction of the following teachers, J. F. Ring, Arthur J. Creswold, Gustavus Johnson



VENDELA E. B. LARSON

of Minneapolis, W. S. B. Mathews, Clarence Eddy and Wm. H. Sherwood. In 1888 Mr. Larson, after due examination by the American College of Musicians, was given the degree of A. A. C. M. (Associate American College of Musicians). In 1885 he had taken the position of organist of the Immanuel Church, which he retained until 1897 when he resigned to accept a similar position in the Union Park Congregational Church. In 1901 he was recalled to the Immanuel Church, where he continued as organist another three years. In 1899 he was called to instruct in piano at North Park College, Chicago, and taught there until January, 1905, when he accepted a call from the Augustana Conservatory of Music and removed to Rock Island. There he is teacher of Organ, Piano and Theory of Music, besides conducting the Wennerberg Male Chorus, the Handel Oratorio Society, and the Svea Male Chorus of Moline. Since September, 1906, Prof. Larson occupies the position of Director of the Conservatory. He has composed several works for piano, organ and mixed chorus, some of which have been published in Stockholm and Chicago. Among them are: Konsertfantasie öfver Svenska Folkvisor, Second Fantasia on Swedish Folksongs, and Variations on an Old Swedish Lullaby, all written for piano.

Mr. Larson was married Jan. 3, 1894, to Vendela E. B. Engberg, born March 22, 1870, in Chicago, a daughter of the late publisher Jonas Engberg and his wife, Elizabeth. Their children are, Harold Arthur, born Oct. 14, 1894; Edith Elizabeth, born Aug. 21, 1896; Gilbert Emil, born April 2, 1898, and Alice Vendela Barbara, born Aug. 16, 1904.

SIGFRID LAURIN,

pianist, teacher and composer, is one of the most eminent figures in Swedish-American musical life. The sketch of his life here given is supplementary to what has been said of his art in another part of this work.

Sigfrid Laurin was born April 18, 1867, at Höganäs, Skåne, Sweden, where his father, N. A. Laurin, was minister of the parish. His mother was Emilia Ahnfelt-Laurin, daughter of P. G.

Ahnfelt, a well-known writer, temperance speaker and divine, and a niece of Oscar Ahnfelt, the noted



SIGFRID LAURIN

singing evangelist of Sweden. Mrs. Ahnfelt-Laurin herself was a lady of culture and an authoress of some note. Her published works are, a collection of verse entitled "Klocktoner i hemmet;" "Sånger till kyrkoårets evangelier;" "Peter Fjellstedt, hans verksamhet i fosterlandet 1843–1881," also several translations, among which is "100 psalmer af N. F. S. Grundtvig," translated from the Danish. Rev. Laurin died in 1896 and his wife two years prior.

The son began his studies in Kristianstad and continued at Lund, where he graduated from the Carolinian Cathedral School in 1885. His early musical education was begun in the home, partly under the direction of his mother, herself a talented pianist. Later he studied music with Augusta Kiellander, a pupil of Edmund Neupert and Frans Neruda.

Having finished the course at the Cathedral school Laurin entered the Royal Conservatory at Stockholm the next fall. After three months he passed the organist examination at Christmas and the following spring he was graduated both as church cantor and music teacher.

Joining the piano class of the Conservatory at New Year's, 1886, Laurin studied with Hilda Thegerström, a pupil of Liszt, among others, till the close of the year 1890. In the meantime he took lessons in voice from Prof. Julius Günther and in counterpoint and composition from Josef Dente, and at his graduation Laurin won the medal of the Royal Conservatory, awarded for "remarkable advancement" in his studies.

During the season of 1893–4 Laurin studied with Richard Anderson, a piano teacher and head of a private music school in Stockholm. A call to become head professor of piano at Bethany Conservatory of Music at Lindsborg, Kans., brought Mr. Laurin to that institution in 1894. He went back to Sweden three years later, remaining for two years, but returned again in 1899 and held the same position at Bethany till the spring of 1903, when he revisited the fatherland. Coming again to this country in 1905, Prof. Laurin was placed in charge of the department of piano instruction at North Park College, Chicago. In Au-

gust, 1906, he was engaged as professor of piano at the Augustana Conservatory of Music at Rock Island, Ill., a position he still holds.

Prof. Laurin has been heard in a number of recitals and concerts in this country and in Sweden, his masterful execution on his chosen instrument earning him the admiration of his auditors and the unstinted praise of many able critics.

As a composer Prof. Laurin is known to the public only as far as he has rendered his own compositions, with a few exceptions only in manuscript. His works consist of songs, romances, and ballads for voice and several solos for the piano.

A great part of his time is given to the study of Chopin, whom Prof. Laurin considers his favorite composer.

Prof. Laurin's rearing in a Christian home, under the influence of a father who was a learned divine of the Lutheran faith and a mother of equally strong religious convictions, left a deep impression upon his character and personality. A deep religious strain is also predominant in his musical renditions as well as his writings.

CONRAD EMIL LINDBERG, D. D., R. N. O., was born in Jönköping, Sweden, June 9, 1852. He received his first college education in the college and gymnasium of his native city, and arrived in this country in 1871. He is a graduate of Augustana College and also of Augustana Theological Seminary. In harmony with the



CONRAD EMIL LINDBERG

wish of the Augustana Synod he also entered the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1873 and was graduated there three years later. He was ordained in 1874, but continued his studies in Philadelphia. In the year 1876 he was tendered the pastorate of the Sw. Luth. Church of Minneapolis, but declined and accepted the call to Zion Church in Philadelphia. One of the reasons was the excellent opportunities for continued studies in Philadelphia. In 1879 he accepted the pastorate of Gustavus Adolphus Church in New York City, where he labored with great success. During his incumbency the congregation built a beautiful church which cost $67,000. The same year he was elected president of the New York Conference of the Augus-

tana Synod and served in this capacity for ten years. When Dr. Lindberg arrived in the East there were few churches there. But by his efforts and travels in the mission field many congregations were organized. He was the recognized leader of the Swedish Lutheran Church in the East.

In 1890 he was unanimously elected professor in Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island. He has at different times been chairman and secretary of the Theological Faculty. In his instruction and lectures he uses both Swedish and English. His present subjects include Systematic Theology, Hermeneutics, Apologetics, Dogmatics, Ethics, Liturgics and Church Polity.

In 1893 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Muhlenberg College, the leading Lutheran college in the East, and in the year 1901 the King of Sweden made him a Knight of the Royal Order of the North Star, the insignia of the order being conferred by the Right Rev. K. H. G. von Schéele, Bishop of Gotland. Dr. Lindberg was elected vice-president of the Augustana Synod at the synodical convention at St. Paul, in 1899, and was four times reelected. The Board of Directors of the Augustana College and Theological Seminary elected him vice-president of the institution in 1901. During the absence of Dr. Andreen in Sweden Dr. Lindberg was acting president of the institution.

Dr. Lindberg has contributed largely to church literature. Besides valuable articles in newspapers, magazines, theological reviews and journals he has written four books, his principal scientific work being a text book in dogmatics, which has won recognition among reviewers and leading educators both in this country and in Sweden. The other books are Betraktelser öfver Johannes Uppenbarelses tre första kapitel, Om dopet and Syllabus i konstruktiv luthersk kyrkorättslära.

Dr. Lindberg is a successful teacher, an interesting lecturer and a talented pulpit orator.

EDLA LUND,

née Ferngren, a singer of repute, has for many years taught in the



EDLA LUND

Augustana Conservatory of Music. From Stockholm, where she was born Aug. 8, 1867, she came to this country in 1887. Mrs. Lund

studied for more than two years at the Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm, taking vocal training with Prof. Günther, also studying piano and organ. She was for one year a pupil of Dina Edling, Prima Donna of the Royal Opera, and studied for two years under the direction of Mr. D. A. Duvivier of Chicago. She was married to Prof. Victor Lund of the Bethany Conservatory of Music at Lindsborg, Kans., in 1887. After the death of her husband in August, 1893, she was herself engaged as professor of vocal music in the same institution until 1894, when she went back to Sweden pursuing higher musical studies until the fall of 1895, when she accepted a position as teacher of voice at the Augustana Conservatory of Music. Mrs. Lund is endowed with a rich and fascinating soprano voice, which is often heard in concert in various parts of the United States. She is a proficient conductor, as shown in her direction of the Augustana Chapel Choir, the Choir of the First Congregational Church of Moline, and the Choral Union of Moline.

At the Kansas Musical Jubilee held in Hutchinson May 8–11, 1894, Mrs. Lund passed the competitive examination in organ and was awarded a prize certificate by Frederic Archer, musical director and adjudicator. She is a member of the Etude Club of Davenport and of the Woman's Club of Moline. Mrs. Lund has been soloist of the Congregational Church of Moline since 1902.

Mrs. Lund has participated in a number of concert tours in this country. In 1896 she toured the central West with the Apollo Club of Augustana College. In 1902 she, together with Prof. Franz Zedeler, gave a dozen concerts in Pennsylvania and New York, and in 1905 she toured the Pacific coast and was one of the soloists taking part in the celebration of Swedish Day at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland. By the press everywhere she has been accorded fulsome praise for the charm and finish of her vocalism.

Mrs. Lund is the mother of two sons, Carl Edward and Sven Joseph, both of whom are now attaining to manhood. They have received part of their education in Sweden.

SVEN P. A. LINDAHL

was born Nov. 8, 1843, in Kristdala, Småland, Sweden. His parents, Olof Nilsson and Stina Ersson, passed their lives on a small farm in their native land. His father died in 1854, aged 52 years, and his mother passed away in 1878, at the age of 77 years. The son attended the common school in his native place, afterward studying for three years in the Ahlberg School. Determined to seek a career in America, he emigrated in 1865 and went direct to Paxton, Ill., where he entered Augustana College the same year.

In 1869 he was graduated and shortly afterwards was ordained to the ministry in the Swedish

Lutheran Church. His first pastorate was at Woodhull, where he remained a year. In 1870 and



SVEN PETER AUGUST LINDAHL

1871 he served as traveling missionary in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Dakota. He was, during 1872 and 1873, assistant pastor of the Immanuel Church in Chicago. From November, 1873, until 1885, he was pastor in charge of First Swedish Lutheran Church at Galesburg. From 1886 to 1890 he was stationed at Altona, Ill. He then accepted his present position as editor of *Augustana*, the organ of the Swedish Lutheran Church in America. In 1894 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Augustana College and Theological Seminary.

On May 20, 1875, the Rev. Mr. Lindahl was married to Miss Clara Anderson of Galesburg, who died in 1877. He was remarried, July 1, 1885 to Miss Hannah Johnson of Galesburg. They have one daughter, Alberta Christina, born in 1887.

Since 1879 Dr. Lindahl has been a member of the Board of Directors of Augustana College and also served as chairman and director of the board. He organized and was for many years president of the Scandinavian Mutual Aid Association of Galesburg. Dr. Lindahl was president of the Augustana Synod 1887–1891 and secretary of the synod for seven years previously. With the Augustana Book Concern, the publishing house of the Augustana Synod, Dr. Lindahl has been prominently connected ever since its organization in 1884.

In his capacity as missionary and synodical president or representative as well as on his private account, Dr. Lindahl has traveled extensively in this country and in Europe. He visited Sweden and Norway in 1872; England, France, Denmark and Sweden in 1878, England, Holland, Belgium and the land of Luther in 1884; explored the mission field in the Southern states and started mission work in Texas in 1874, and in 1900, in behalf of Augustana Synod board, traveled through Alaska, also opening mission work there. Dr. Lindahl is one of the dominating figures in the Swedish Lutheran church in this country, and as editor of the official organ, wields a telling influence throughout the Augustana Synod.

ANNA OLSSON

is a popular story writer, whose pen name, Aina, is familiar to



ANNA OLSSON

Swedish-American readers. She is the daughter of Dr. O. Olsson, former president of Augustana College, and his wife, Anna Lisa Jonsson, both deceased, the mother having passed away in Rock Island March 18, 1887, and her father May 12, 1900.

Anna Olsson was born in the province of Vermland, Sweden, Aug. 19, 1866. The family emigrated in 1869 and lived in Lindsborg, Kans., until 1876, after which their home was in Rock Island. She studied at Augustana College from the fall of 1883 to the end of the school year in 1888, when she graduated with the degree of B. A.

From 1895 to 1900 Miss Olsson held the position of principal of the Ladies' Hall at Augustana College. About the end of that time she began to devote herself to authorship. In the fall of 1901 her first story was published without signature in the September number of *Ungdomsvännen*. Her sketches in Swedish-American dialect began to appear in the spring of 1903. In these sketches there is added to the droll humor of the dialect sparks of wit and the charm of clever story-telling, making them popular with almost any class of readers.

In 1903 a collection of sketches and stories by her were published in a book, under the common title, "Från Solsidan." Other products of her pen appeared in *Fosterlandet* and in the literary annuals, *Prärie-Blomman*, *Julrunan* and *Julgranen*. Miss Olsson also has essayed similar work in English, having a number of sketches in readiness for publication.

In 1889 the Olsson family went abroad and spent a year in Europe. During the six months spent in Germany, five in Zürich, Switzerland, and one in Rome and other parts of Italy, they accumulated a wealth of observation and knowledge of the Old World which on the part of Dr. Olsson was embodied in a volume entitled, "Till Rom och hem igen," while Miss Olsson has heretofore only sparingly turned her information to account in a literary way.

OLIVER P. OLSON,

who has been assistant postmaster of Rock Island since 1899, was born in Rinkaby, Skåne, Sweden, March 26, 1852. He came to

America at the early age of four, the family locating at Moline.

Having in turn been a resident



OLIVER P. OLSON

of Cordova for 6 years, Paxton for 14 years, Moline for 2 years, and Varna for 2 years, Mr. Olson in 1885 removed to Rock Island, where he was employed from 1889 to 1897 in the book store of the Augustana Book Concern as assistant manager. His education was obtained in the public schools and at Augustana College, where he studied in 1870 and 1871. Mr. Olson for a long term of years has been superintendent of various Sunday schools; member of different church councils; member of the board of directors of the Home Building and Loan Association of Rock Island; member of the board of directors of the Orphanage at Andover; treasurer of the Church Extension Society of the Augustana Synod; member of the executive committee of the Illinois Conference; member of the county board of supervisors; chairman of the local Civic Federation and chairman of the Republican club of his ward.

He belongs to the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church, and is active in politics and in the commercial advancement of Rock Island.

He was appointed assistant postmaster of the city of Rock Island Oct. 5, 1897, and reappointed in 1900 and 1901.

LOUIS OSTROM,

A. B., M. D., was born in Helsingland, Sweden, May 1, 1874, and came to America when six years old. His father is a pipe-organ



LOUIS OSTROM

builder, known among hundreds of churches all over the country. Young Ostrom attended public schools, and as soon as he was able to work, was at one time or another employed during vacations in nearly all the shops of Moline.

After becoming a student at Augustana College, he worked during the different vacations as section hand on the street car line, printer in a job office, and pressman to the Moline Daily *Dispatch*, etc. While a student, he also studied music under Dr. Gustav Stolpe; was director of the band, orchestra and mandolin clubs, cornetist, and later clarinetist with the 6th Regiment Band, I. N. G., of Moline, and Strasser's 2d Regiment Band of Davenport, Iowa. He also took active part in all college athletics, being a member of both base ball and foot ball teams. He graduated from Augustana College in 1895, in the English classical course receiving the degree of A. B. During the summer before graduation he was assistant organist to Dr. Stolpe in the Moline Lutheran Church, and after graduation was at Moore's Prairie, Minn., as organist and music teacher. While there he received a call from Augustana College to become professor of wind and stringed instruments in the Conservatory of Music, but declined because of intended medical study. He studied medicine at the State University of Iowa, at Iowa City, where he earned his way through by playing with orchestras and in churches, caring for a doctor's office for his room rent, and earning his board by serving as waiter at a restaurant until the end of his course. After leaving Iowa City, he was employed by the State Hospital at Independence, Iowa, but wishing to continue his medical studies, he resigned and went to St. Louis to the Missouri Medical College and Policlinic. During his medical studies he paid most particular attention to the eye and ear, but after his course at St. Louis, located in 1899 at Leonardville, Kans., and engaged in general practice. While there, he received a call from the Kansas Medical College at Topeka, Kans., to the Chair of Chemistry, and as director of the chemical laboratories, a position he held for one year, but as this interfered with private practice, he resigned and located in Rock Island, Ill., as a specialist, devoting all his professional attention to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In the spring term of 1903, he was acting professor of Botany at Augustana College, during the absence of Prof. J. A. Udden, and later was professor in anatomy, physiology and histology in the premedical department. While doing post-graduate work at New York, he was professor of natural history at Upsala College, Kenilworth, N. J. Dr. Ostrom is adjunct to St. Anthony's Hospital and examiner for more than a dozen insurance companies. Since his graduation in medicine, he has taken post graduate courses with some of the most noted specialists in America.

In the spring of 1907, Dr. Ostrom was elected alderman of the 7th ward.

In 1899 Dr. Ostrom was married to Miss Sophia Hult, formerly

secretary to the business manager of Augustana College. They have one child, Meredith.

ANDREW PETERSON,

building contractor, was born in Gesäter parish, Dalsland, Sweden,



ANDREW PETERSON

Dec. 31, 1839, and emigrated at the age of thirty. He arrived in Chicago in 1870 and joined the Immanuel Swedish Luth. Church. After the great fire he, together with Peter Colseth, took active part in the rebuilding of the church edifice destroyed in the fire. Mr. Peterson removed to Rock Island in 1875, and helped to put up the first main building of Augustana College at Rock Island in that year; he also contracted for part of the woodwork in the new building erected in 1884. He was one of the contractors for the Swedish Lutheran church in Moline, Peter Colseth and J. A. P. Berg being the other two, and built the steeple of that edifice in 1881. He erected the Zion Swedish Lutheran church in 1891, the gymnasium at Augustana College in 1894, and has built some sixty private dwelling houses in East Rock Island and West Moline. He has lived for over a score of years at 4425 Sixth ave., and is still engaged in building and contracting. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Moline and has served as a deacon for more than a dozen years. Since 1904 he has served as a trustee. Mr. Peterson has been teaching in Sunday schools continually since his arrival in America.

Aug. 10, 1872, at Chicago, he was married to Elsa Christina Peterson, and their children are: Anna C., died in 1895; Mathilda, died in 1884; Fred B., married to Theresa Matson and now living at Oakland, Cal., John P., Amalia C., and Carl E. Mr. Peterson has been a stanch Republican ever since he was naturalized as a citizen.

In 1894 Mr. Peterson was elected trustee of the Civic Federation in Rock Island, and in 1905 a director of Augustana College.

VICTOR OLOF PETERSON,

who for fifteen years occupied the chair of Physics and Chemistry at Augustana College, was born in Solberga, Skede parish, Sweden, Sept. 24, 1864. At the age of three he came with his parents to America. The family settled on a farm near Stanton, Ia., where he was reared. In 1881 both parents

died, and after working as a farm hand in 1882, the son began his studies at Augustana College in



VICTOR OLOF PETERSON

January, 1883, completing his college course in 1889. In 1890 he took a special course in chemistry at Harvard University and was called to the chair of Physics and Chemistry at his Alma Mater in the following year, a position which he held until 1905, when he resigned his chair to engage in a commercial enterprise, known as the Rock Island Tropical Plantation Company, and is at present secretary of that corporation.

He was married in 1891 to Miss Jenny A. Lindeborg of Chicago. They have five children: Edith Alida Victoria, Harald Victor, Olof Reuben, Oliver Herbert and Rolf Leonard.

Mr. Peterson is a member of the Grace English Luth. Church of Rock Island, in which he has served as a deacon for years. He is chairman of the board of directors of the North Star Benefit Association and takes active interest in politics, having often served as a judge of election and sat in Republican conventions.

FRANK EDWARD PETERSON

was born at Andover, Ill., Jan. 31, 1865. In early boyhood he manifested a love of music and picked his way through a number of melodies unaided. When he had invented a holder for his mouth organ so that he was able to play that juvenile instrument and accompany himself on the family cabinet organ his parents finally permitted him



FRANK EDWARD PETERSON

to take lessons in music. In 1885 he left high school and was enrolled in the academic department at Augustana College. Having finished the Freshman year, he entered the conservatory department under Dr. Gustav Stolpe

and was graduated in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Music. The next year he accepted a position as organist of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Boston, and took up studies at the New England Conservatory. In the fall of 1893 he resigned his position and in November entered the Royal Conservatory at Leipsic and studied piano under Profs. Krause and Zwintscher and theory under Prof. Gustave Schreck, cantor of the Thomas school. Returning home in 1897 he accepted the proffered position of instructor of the department of piano in the Augustana Conservatory. Prof. Peterson thoroughly studied the Virgil clavier system and applied that silent practice method in his department. He was for a time conductor of the Augustana Silver Cornet Band and was chosen director of the Handel Oratorio Society in 1900.

July 6, 1898, he was married to Miss Amanda C. Hult of Moline, born July 19, 1872, a musician and singer, with a high soprano voice of good quality. She has been director of the Swedish Lutheran church choir of Moline and is a capable vocal teacher.

In the spring of 1906, Prof. Peterson's connections with the Augustana Conservatory were severed and the following fall he took charge as director of the department of music at Minnesota College, at Minneapolis.

JOHAN AUGUST UDDEN,

Ph. D., who became professor of Geology and Natural History at



JOHAN AUGUST UDDEN

Augustana College in 1888, was born in Uddabo, Lekåsa parish, Vestergötland, Sweden, March 19, 1859. His parents were Andreas Larson, whose ancestors had for several generations lived in Qvistagården in the same parish, and Inga Lena, born Anderson, from Häradsberget. They emigrated to America in 1861 and settled near Carver in Carver county, Minn. His education was begun in the parochial and in the public schools of the new settlement. At the age of fourteen he entered St. Ansgar's Academy at East Union, and in 1876 he was enrolled as a member of the third class in the academic department of Augustana College. He graduated from the college department in 1881, and after attending the Teachers' Summer Normal in McPherson,

Kans., he was the same year engaged as teacher for a new private school, Bethany Academy, after-



JOHANNA KRISTINA UDDEN

ward Bethany College, at Lindsborg, Kans. He continued teaching in this institution for seven years, pursuing natural history studies during vacations, and being away on a leave of absence at the University of Minnesota in the winter of 1886. In 1888 he was called to his present position. During the summer of 1892 he served as assistant to the state geologist of Illinois, preparing a collection for the state exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago. The following year, during a leave of absence, he spent some months in Baltimore, Md., analyzing soils, and the following summer he was engaged as special field assistant on the United States geological survey, to examine the drift in the Green River basin in Illinois. From 1898 to 1902 he was employed during the summers as special assistant on the Iowa geological survey, and he has mapped and reported on six counties in that state. In 1903 he was engaged by the Texas Mineral Survey to examine the Shafter area in Presidio county, and in 1904 he was in charge of a party of the the same organization making a survey of the geology of the Chisos country in Brewster county. In the summer and fall of 1905 the New York and Texas Land Co., Ltd., engaged his services for making an examination of the mineral resources of their lands in the Upper embayment of the Rio Grande, and a report on the geology of this region has recently been published in number 6 of the Augustana Library Publications. In 1906 he was engaged as geologist on the Illinois Geographical Survey. During the last two svmmers he has been engaged in work on the Peoria and the Belleville coal districts in this state.

His most important scientific work has been some investigations bearing on the wind as a geological agent. On this subject he has published, "Erosion, Transportation and Sedimentation performed by the Atmosphere," "Dust and Sandstorms in the West," "Loess as a Land Deposit," and "The Mechanical Composition of Wind Deposits." A number of other papers from his pen have appeared in various scientific journals, in the proceedings of scientific societies, and in the reports of the official surveys with which

he has been connected. In "An Old Indian Village" he has described some prehistoric remains in Kansas. While in Kansas he served as editorial writer on *Kansas-Posten*, a Swedish weekly, in 1888, and edited the Lindsborg *News* in 1888. He has been elected to membership in the Davenport Academy of Science, in the Iowa Academy of Science, in the National Geographic Society, and he is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Aug. 27, 1882, Prof. Udden was married to Johanna Kristina Davis of Carver county, Minn., whose parents came from Ljunga, Kronobergs län, and settled near Carver in 1856. Mrs. Udden was born there Sept. 13, 1858. She attended the public schools and later studied at St. Ansgar's Academy and in Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. Their marriage has been blessed with four children, three of whom are living: Jon Andreas, born in Lindsborg, Kan., May 19, 1885; Anton David, born in Lindsborg, Kan., Dec. 28, 1886, and Svante Mauritz, born in Rock Island, Ill., June 16, 1892.

SVEN G. YOUNGERT

was born April 27, 1861, at Ljunget, Algutsrum, on the Island of Öland, Sweden. The youth studied at Mannhem's private school in Vestergötland and then attended the Fjellstedt School in Upsala for two years and continued in that city studying privately for two years more. He came to this country in 1886 and entered Augustana College, gradu-



SVEN GUSTAF YOUNGERT

ating after two years. Entering Augustana Theological Seminary in 1890 he completed the course and was ordained to the holy ministry in 1892 at Lindsborg, Kan. He pursued a course in philosophy and psychology at the University of Iowa 1903–07.

Rev. Youngert had charge of the Swedish Lutheran congregation at Kewanee, Ill., 1892–96, the greater part of the time serving as secretary of the Illinois Conference. In 1897 he removed to Ottumwa, Ia., and was pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church there until 1900, when he accepted a call to a professorship in theology at Augustana Theological Seminary. The next year he was elected secretary of the theological faculty and has since retained this office. He now gives instruction

n philosophy, Greek New Testament exegesis, New Testament introduction and catechetics.

For several years Prof. Youngert has been an associate editor of *Tidskrift för Kyrkliga frågor*. He is editor of *Ungdomsvännen* and has contributed quite freely to other magazines and newspapers.

In 1897 Rev. Youngert obtained the degree of Bachelor of Divinity for post graduate studies. In 1900 he received the degree of Master of Arts and in the spring of 1902 he offered final examinations for the degree of Candidate of Sacred Theology and was accordingly promoted by Augustana College and Theological Seminary, receiving the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology in 1905. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon him by Bethany College.

Dr. Youngert is a member of the following learned bodies: the American Geographical Association, the American Forestry Association, the Religious Education Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Youngert visited Sweden in 1907 as the representative of Augustana College at the celebration held at Upsala University and at the Royal Academy of Sciences at Stockholm, of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Carl von Linné, receiving the Linnean medal from the Royal Academy of Sciences.

The marriage of Dr. Youngert with Hannah Alfrida Shoberg, daughter of A. P. Shoberg of Chicago, took place April 27, 1894. Their children are: Eugene Fernando, Elvira Olive, Oliver Gustavus Ludvig, Eunice Antonia, Ilian Beatrice Caroline and Arnold Edward.

Dr. Youngert is a man of scholarly attainments, deeply devoted to education and to the Church.

GUSTAV ALBERT ANDREEN, president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, was born at Porter, Ind., March 13, 1864. His parents were Rev. A. Andreen who died in Rock Island, Feb. 10, 1880, and his wife Hilda Esping, who passed away in August, 1878. From Porter Rev. Andreen removed to Swedona, and here the son attended the public and parochial schools. Aged eleven years, he entered Augustana College at Rock Island, and was graduated at the head of the college class of 1881.

Having taught at Augustana in 1882–04, studying law in the meantime, and at Bethany College, at Lindsborg, Kansas, from 1886 to 1893, he entered Yale University, doing post graduate work, which led to the degree of Ph. D. in 1898. From 1894 to 1901 he was instructor at the university. After his appointment to the chair of Scandinavian languages, he went to Europe for more thorough study of the old Norse and Scandinavian languages and spent two years at Upsala University and the University of Christania for that

purpose. He returned in the fall of 1900 and assumed his new duties at Yale. When, upon the death of Dr. O. Olsson in 1900, a new president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary was to be chosen, the Augustana Synod first turned to that eminent educator, Dr. Carl Swensson of Bethany College, with a request that he fill the vacant presidential chair. Being too closely attached to that institution of his own making, he declined the call, and Dr. C. W. Foss continued as acting president until the close of the following school year. At the annual meeting of the Augustana Synod at Jamestown, N. Y., in June, 1901, after a year's casting about for a man for the place, Dr. Gustav Andreen was elected to the presidency, the choice being influenced to a marked degree by Dr. Andreen's efforts to enlist the interest of prominent men of Sweden in behalf of the Swedish-American institution of learning. These efforts later bore fruit in a contribution of 100,000 crowns from the old country toward an endowment fund for Augustana. As the head of this institution Dr. Andreen has continued his efforts to put it on a firmer financial basis, a task still far from completed.

Dr. Andreen recently completed a course in theology begun while a teacher at Augustana in the '80s and was ordained to the ministry in 1905.

Dr. Andreen has done much public speaking, principally in behalf of the institution he represents. He addressed the Chautauqua Assembly on Swedish Day in 1905 and has appeared as speaker on other occasions of moment. On the platform he handles the two mother tongues of the Swedish-Americans with like fluency. His published writings heretofore are confined to his doctoral thesis entitled "Studies in the German Idyl" (Rock Island, 1902) and a treatise on "Svenska Språket i Amerika" (Upsala, 1900).

On Aug. 7, 1890, Dr. Andreen was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Augusta Strand of Junction City, Kans., a lady of Norwegian descent. The following children have been born to them: Paul Harold, 1891, Marion Albert, 1894, Esther Miriam, 1896, Gustav Strand, 1901, Margaret Dorothy, 1903, Signe Marie, 1904, and Carl Oscar, 1906. Signe died Jan. 2, 1906, and Dorothy Sept. 22, 1906. Mrs. Andreen was born Aug. 17, 1870.

BUREAU COUNTY

PRINCETON

JOHN A. BERG,

minister of the Swedish Lutheran Church, was born in Sjösås parish,



JOHN AUGUST BERG

Småland, Sweden, Aug. 16, 1863. His father was a mason and the son learned the same trade. Later he studied at a private Bible school in Nye, Småland, where he commenced to preach in 1885. Two years later Mr. Berg came to America and was matriculated at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., where he studied a short time. Thereafter he went to the Chicago Theological Seminary, graduating in 1892. He has since been pastor of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Churches of Mankato, Minn., Iron Mountain, Mich., Kewanee, Ill., and of the Swedish Mission Church of Humboldt Park, Chicago, having served there from 1899 to 1905, when he left the Mission Church for the Augustana Synod. He then accepted charges at Hobart and Miller, Ind., and from November, 1906, is pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Princeton, Ill.

Rev. Berg has been a member of the board of directors of the Swedish Home of Mercy in Chicago.

He is married since May 23, 1900, his wife's maiden name being Hanna Swan. She is a native of Ramqvilla, Sweden. They have two children, Margaret Amalia, born Dec. 9, 1901, and Carl Johan Sigfrid, born July 18, 1905.

CHARLES T. DAHLGREN

was born in Locknevi parish, Småland, Sweden, Dec. 5, 1858. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Sweden. He emigrated to this country in June, 1880, both parents having died a number of years before. Princeton has been his residence since that time. The trade of a harness-maker was learned by him in the old country, and in 1882 he embarked in that line of business, in which he has been uniformly successful.

Mr. Dahlgren is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Princeton, which he has served as trustee, secretary and treasurer for various periods. He was city treasurer for four years in the '90s

and has been president of the Swedish-American Republican Club of Bureau county. He has also held office in a number of other organizations, to which he belongs.



CHARLES THEODOR DAHLGREN

Mr. Dahlgren is the vice-president of the First State Bank of Princeton.

FRANK L. ECKDAHL

is a native of Princeton, having been born there March 18, 1874. Having taken a course in Princeton Business College, he entered on his business career as a clothing merchant in the fall of 1897, in partnership with F. E. Peterson, under the firm name of Eckdahl & Peterson. Three years later he opened a second clothing store, with A. C. Carlson as special partner. March 1, 1903, the copartnership of Eckdahl, Peterson & Co. was dissolved, Mr. Eckdahl succeeding the firm.

He has served for some years as a deacon in the English Lutheran Church, of which he is a member.

Mr. Eckdahl is married and there are two children in the family.

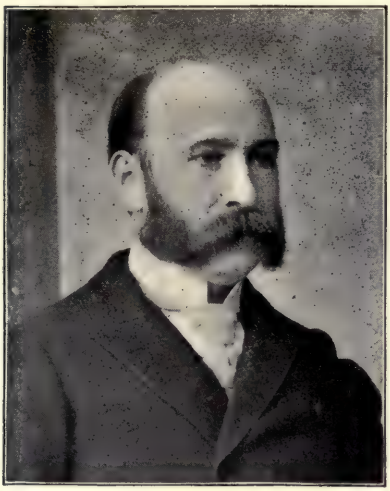


FRANK L. ECKDAHL

C. A. HELLERSTEDT,

wagon and carriage manufacturer, was born in Källstad, Östergötland, Sweden, Sept. 18, 1848. In May, 1868, he emigrated to Chicago. He graduated from the Bryant and Stratton Business College of Davenport, Iowa, in 1875, then went to California, where he worked in San Francisco, in the Guadaloupe quicksilver mine and in Stockton for two years. In 1877 and 1878 he attended the University of the Pacific in Santa Clara. Returning to Illinois in 1879 he joined his brother Peter F. Hellerstedt in business in Morrison, where they had a wagon shop. A year later they branched out and C. A.

Hellerstedt ran another shop in Sterling in 1883, when the site was sold to a railway company



C. A. HELLERSTEDT

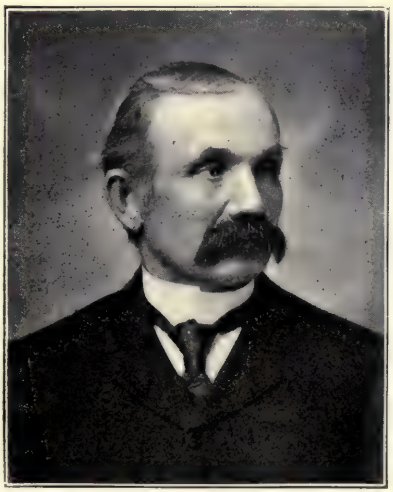
company for depot purposes. Then he moved back to Morrison and three years later sold his interest to his brother to engage in the same line of business for himself in Vinton, Ia. After a year's time this venture was given up and Mr. Hellerstedt removed to Princeton, where he was engaged in the manufacture of vehicles of various types until his death in February, 1907.

In 1888 Mr. Hellerstedt was married to Hattie Teller Barnum, of Union Grove, Ill., who on her father's side is related to P. T. Barnum, the great circus man, and on her mother's side is a niece of ex-senator Teller of Colorado.

Mr. Hellerstedt was of the Methodist Episcopal faith and served his church as trustee, Sunday school teacher and choirmaster.

JOHN HED

was born in Käfsjö parish, Småland, Sweden, Dec. 22, 1844. He came to America in 1865. His wife, Eva Christina, was born Sept. 14, 1847, in the same parish. Mr. Hed is a contractor and builder by vocation. He has six sons, Carl Oscar, married to Emma Maria, Emil Godtherr, John Clarence, married to Ida, Arthur Wilbur, Lawrence Robert, Reuben David, and two daughters, Hilda Elizabeth, now Mrs. John Skorberg of Rockford, and Alma Josephine, now Mrs. Marcus Kissick.



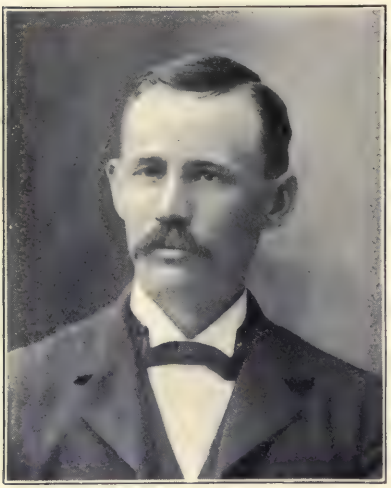
JOHN HED

The family are members of the Swedish Free Mission Church.

JOHN ALBERT HINQUIST

was born in Mossebo parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, June 12, 1864. He has been living

in Princeton since March, 1884, when he came to the United States. After obtaining a com-



JOHN ALBERT HINQUIST

mon school education he began working and is now foreman of a lumber yard. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church which he has served in the office of trustee for a number of years. He belongs to the Swedish Sick Benefit Society, the Modern Woodmen, and the Mystic Workers of the World and has occupied the highest offices in the three organizations. For several years Mr. Hinquist has been president of the Bureau County Republican Club and vice-president and member of the executive committee for the county in the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois. He has been repeatedly elected commissioner of highways in Princeton township. In 1890–91 he spent nearly a year on a visit to his old home in Sweden and Dec. 6, 1893 he wedded Miss Jennie Colberg of Princeton.

PETER JOHNSON

was born in Venestad, Skåne, Sweden, April 11, 1826. He was in the van of Swedish emigration to this country coming here in 1856. He located at once in Princeton. When Abraham Lincoln called for volunteers in April, 1861, Peter Johnson, who had been quickly Americanized, at once responded. He enlisted in Co. I., 12th Illinois Regiment and fought through the war. Returning to the peaceful occupations of life, he resumed his old trade of carpentry at which he has acquired



PETER JOHNSON

a fair competence. He has remained unmarried.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Princeton and was for fifteen years one of its trustees. He is a member of the Swedish-Ameri-

can Republican Club and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

CARL JACOB LEDIN,

minister of the Mission Covenant of America, and now in charge



CARL JACOB LEDIN

of its church in Princeton, was born in Eskelhem parish, on the island of Gotland, Dec. 13, 1864. His parents were Thomas Christian Ledin, a farmer, and his wife, Charlotta Liffdell, who died in 1903 at New Haven, Ct. He finished the common school before the family emigrated in 1883. Coming to this country they lived in Greenwich and Newington before settling in New Haven, Ct., in 1886. After attending public school young Ledin in 1888 entered the Swedish department of the Chicago Theological Seminary. After graduation in 1891 he returned to Sweden where he was traveling missionary for one year and had charge of the Mission church in Nässjö for two and one-half years. Coming back to the United States in 1894, he assumed charge of the Swedish Congregational Church at New Haven, remaining until 1898. His subsequent fields of labor have been: Ishpeming, Mich., 1898–1900; Tabernacle Church in Chicago, 1900–1904; Princeton, 1905 to the present time.

Rev. Ledin in 1903 was sent to Sweden to distribute the funds raised by the Mission Friends in America for the famine sufferers in Northern Sweden, and also to study conditions in the famine stricken districts. On this tour he went as far north as Jukkosjärvi, situated 120 miles beyond the arctic circle. Besides traveling extensively in Norrbotten and Vesterbotten, he visited Dalarne, Vermland, Småland, and Gotland, returning in September of the same year. Rev. Ledin is the author of a catechism for Bible schools.

Sept. 10, 1896, Rev. Ledin was married to Miss Sara Charlotta Olson, born in Daretorp, Sweden, Oct. 8, 1870. Of five children born to them only two survive, namely Sara Lydia Theodora, born 1904, and Aina Carola Elisabeth, 1906.

ANDREW E. NELSON

was born on a farm at Stenstorp, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, March 3, 1864. His parents were Nels J. and Sara Anderson. In 1886 he emigrated to America and went to Lincoln, Nebr. After

learning the building trade, he erected by contract a number of houses in that city. A few years later Mr. Nelson removed to Princeton, Ill., where he continued in the same business. Among the many buildings erected by him may be mentioned the elegant residence of Col. Paddock.



ANDREW E. NELSON

Mr. Nelson was a trustee of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Princeton for several years. He is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen and was chairman of the Swedish Sick-Benefit Association of Princeton for several terms.

In 1891 Mr. Nelson was married to Ellen C., a daughter of Andrew and Bengta Thulen of Princeton, born Nov. 30, 1869. Their eldest children are Mildred Eveline, Walter V., Ellen May and Florence Margaret.

In the spring of 1904 Mr. Nelson moved on a farm in New Boston, Mo., where he still lives.

CLAUS J. OBERG

was born in Sweden Jan. 23, 1849. After having had a common school education in Sweden, he emigrated to the United States in 1867, landing at Castle Garden June 3. At once he went to Princeton and worked on Eaton's farm until 1870. On Feb. 26 of that year he married Jennie Fogelberg. He rented a farm for two years, after which he bought one. He tilled the soil for twelve years, and then sold his latest acquired farm and went into the grocery business with Andrew Johnson. This enterprise was sold three years later.



CLAUS J. OBERG

Mr. Oberg thereupon rented a 240 acre farm for several years, and subsequently bought a farm near Princeton, which he cultivated for five years. In 1898 he bought a meat market in Princeton, which,

with the aid of his son, C. E. Oberg, has been conducted with marked success.

Mr. and Mrs. Oberg belong to the Swedish Lutheran Church. They have two daughters and one son.

Mr. Oberg belongs to the Swedish Republican Club of Bureau county.

C. ENOCH OBERG

was born in Princeton, Ill., July 15, 1877. His parents are Mr.



C. ENOCH OBERG

and Mrs. Claus J. Oberg of that city. He attended school until fifteen, after that he assisted on the farm. During the winter months he attended the Princeton Business College. When in the spring of 1898 his father bought a meat market, the son learned the trade of meat cutting and has now been admitted to a partnership, the name of the firm being Oberg & Son.

C. Enoch Oberg was united in marriage to Edith Wright on Jan. 1, 1900. A daughter was born to them on May 17, 1902.

Mr. Oberg belongs to the Swedish Republican Club of Princeton.

GUSTAF PETERSON

was born Dec. 9, 1844, in Käfsjö, Småland, Sweden. His father,



GUSTAF PETERSON

Peter Magnus Peterson, was born in 1805 and died in 1852. His mother, Stina Bengtson, was born in 1804 and died in 1854. Gustaf's early education was obtained in the Swedish public schools. He emigrated to America in 1869, landing on June 2. For a time he lived in Chicago, but moved in 1876 to Princeton, where he has been successful as a carpenter contractor and builder.

Mr. Peterson was united in marriage with Alma Larson on Dec. 26, 1884. She was born in Borgstina parish, Vestergötland, Aug.

31, 1857. A daughter, Hulda Christina, was born to them March 18, 1886, and died Aug. 15, 1906. The mother died Sept. 29, 1887.

On Aug. 28, 1895, Mr. Peterson was married to Maria Carolina Erickson, born in Hädinge, Käfsjö parish, Småland. Three children resulted from this union, Ernest Caleb Adolphus, born May 5, 1896, Alice Elizabeth, Oct. 22, 1897, and Maria Carolina Ruth, July 14, 1900. Their mother died Nov. 4, 1900.

Mr. Peterson belongs to the Swedish Congregational Church, in which he has held several offices of trust. He has been a citizen since 1876 and is a Republican.

CHARLES G. SWANSON,

born in Vestergötland, Sweden, Sept. 24, 1832, emigrated to the United States in the spring of 1864 and settled in Princeton, where, after having been in business as a boot and shoe dealer, he later engaged in fruit raising. He is a member of the Mission Church, in which he has served successively as president, treasurer, trustee, and deacon.

He has always been a straight Republican in politics and is proud of the fact. He has been assistant supervisor of Princeton township for more than fourteen years.



CHARLES G. SWANSON

Mr. Swanson was married Dec. 23, 1855, to Miss Mary Johnson, the union having been blessed with five children, all living. The three sons are now living in Aurora, Hamilton co., Neb., one daughter is married and lives on a farm near Princeton, while the other daughter lives at home with the parents.

Winnebago County

ROCKFORD

ANDREW J. ANDERSON

was born in the city of Rockford June 7, 1862, and has made this



ANDREW J. ANDERSON

city his home, with the exception of one year, spent in Texas. He is of Swedish descent, his father, Jonas P. Anderson, being a native of Rydaholm, Sweden.

Mr. Anderson was educated in the city schools and took a course in the Rockford Business College. He was first employed in the mechanical department of the Rockford Watch factory, where he remained several years.

In 1881 the Excelsior Furniture Co. was organized with a capital of $50,000, and Mr. Anderson was made its secretary and treasurer, which position he held for eight years.

In 1890 he opened an office at 421 E. State st., where he conducted a real estate, loan and insurance business.

In January, 1898, he was made secretary and treasurer of the Union Overalls Co., which position he has filled with marked success and still holds. He had charge of a large manufacturing plant in Texas during the year 1896, after which he returned to Rockford.

He served in the city council as alderman of the 2d ward during the years 1890–1895, and was reelected again in 1903.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the Republican State Central Committee of Illinois 1903–1904.

In 1904 he was elected to the state senate.

He is a Knight of Pythias.

Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Hilma Johnson Dec. 30, 1896, and has one child, a son, Howard Edmund. The family resides at 942 Kishwaukee st.

OSCAR B. ANDERSON

hails from Kinna, Vestergötland, Sweden, where he was born Sept. 6, 1862. He emigrated from Sweden in 1888 and came to Chicago, obtaining employment as a carpenter in the Deering Harvester Works. In 1889 he went to work as a stone-cutter, a trade more to his liking. In the fall of 1892 he visited his old home in Sweden, where his mother and brother were still living. Returning to Chicago the following year

he conducted a grocery for seven months, but a preference for his old business reasserted itself. In



OSCAR B. ANDERSON

1895 he established himself at 5834 May st. as a cut-stone contractor, removing in 1901 to 5830–34 Centre ave. In 1904 he removed to Rockford, where he is continuing in the same line of business.

Mr. Anderson was married Jan. 12, 1895, to Anna Ottilia Segerhammar, born Nov. 28, 1870, in Vassemåla, Vimmerby, Småland, her father being John I. Segerhammar. They have two sons and three daughters, born as follows: Carl Reinhold, Oct. 22, 1896; Oscar Wilhelm, May 8, 1898; Edith Sophia, July 22, 1900; Violet Ottilia, Nov. 22, 1903, and Alice Emelia Josephina, April 26, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are active workers in the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church.

ALFRED APPELL

was born in Lynn township, Knox county, Ill., Jan. 12, 1868. He was reared on the farm and attended public and parochial school, when farm work permitted. After his confirmation in 1883 he was sent to Augustana College, where he matriculated in the academic department. Continuing his studies for seven years, he graduated with the college class of 1890. He then went to Yale, where he took up the study of political economy and sociology under the direction of Professors William G. Sumner and Arthur T. Hadley and philosophy and pedagogy under Prof. George T. Ladd. In ad-



ALFRED APPELL

dition, he attended the instruction in biblical exegesis by Dr. W. R. Harper and the John Hall lectures at the Yale Divinity School.

Returning to Augustana College in 1891 he pursued theological studies, also taking a post-graduate

course in economics, United States History and German. In 1892 he presented his thesis, on "The Theory of Value," and was awarded the master's degree. His theological studies completed the following year, he was ordained to the ministry on a call from the Salem Swedish Lutheran Church of Peoria.

While a student, he preached and taught Swedish parochial school in various localities and at college was frequently called upon to assist in teaching Prof. Williamson's classes in mathematics.

At Peoria Rev. Appell took charge of a church of 75 members, which has since grown to about 315 communicants and 530 members all told. During his tenure an attractive church edifice was erected at a net cost of $15,000.

In 1906 Rev. Appell accepted a call from the Illinois Conference Board to take up missionary work at South Park, Rockford. He organized the Salem Swedish Lutheran Church, which now numbers over 200 communicants.

In 1895 Rev. Appell was offered the chief editorship of *Hemlandet*, which he declined, not desiring to change his calling. He, however, about the same time became financial editor of *Nya Pressen*, published in Moline for the campaign of 1895–96, a work that did not interfere with his pastoral duties. In the spring of 1896 he published a 64-page booklet on "The Money Question," which was put out in both a Swedish and an English edition.

In local politics Rev. Appell takes an active part and has frequently served as a delegate to city and county conventions. He aided in the organization of the Swedish - American Republican League of Illinois, has been chosen one of its vice-presidents, and was a member for years of the Kickapoo Club, a Republican organization in Peoria.

As a churchman his activity has brought him forward at various points. He has served as chairman of the Peoria Ministerial Association, embracing all Protestant clergymen in the city; in 1902 he was elected secretary of the Illinois Conference, twice reelected and subsequently made vice-president of the Conference in 1905, being reelected in 1906. He is one of the editors of the *Lutheran Lesson Quarterly*, issued by the General Council, which in 1905 elected him its Swedish corresponding secretary and reelected him in 1907. He was also chosen a member of its board of "Sunday school work." He has made numerous contributions to the churchly as well as the secular press. In 1892 he was chosen councilor of the American Institute of Civics.

June 6, 1906, Rev. Appell was united in marriage with Miss Alice Rohlen of Rockford, who is a graduate of the high school of Rockford and the normal department of Augustana College and who taught for three years in the Brown public school in Rockford.

AUGUST E. BARGREN,

Chief of Police of the city of Rockford, came to that city in



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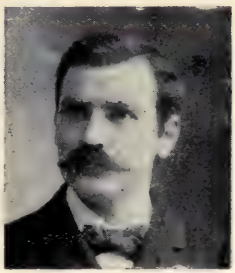
1868, when five years of age, and has resided there ever since. He was born March 1, 1863. His father, John Peter Bargren, died in Rockford in 1894. After attending the graded schools until twelve years old, young Bargren worked in a candy factory until the age of twenty, then opened a confectionery store of his own and conducted the business for two years. He next entered the employ of the United States Express Co., remaining for three years, and was then with the Adams Express Co. for two years. When he quit their service as messenger he joined the police department as a patrolman. In 1894, after four years of service on the force, he was appointed Chief of Police, a position he still retains, having been reappointed by every succeeding administration.

Mr. Bargren is a member of the First Swedish Lutheran Church of Rockford and of a number of fraternal orders, including B. P. O. Elks, the Modern Woodmen, Royal Arcanum, Archæan Union No. 1, Rockford Germania Turn-Verein Club, the Red Men and the Svea Söner Singing Society.

May 28, 1883, he was married to Miss Josephine Spencer, daughter of Alexander and Mary Williams Spencer of Beloit, Wis. Their children are Howard Spencer, born 1886, and Lucile Isabelle, born 1895.

FREDERICK BENGTSON,

dealer in men's furnishing goods, was born near Göteborg, Sweden,



FREDERICK BENGTSON

April 2, 1866. When he was one year old his parents, Andrew A. Bengtson, deceased March 1, 1887, and Lottie I., emigrated to America settling in Rockford. After attending public school Mr. Bengtson for his business training took a course in a commercial college, before engaging in actual business. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias.

In the late nineties he was married to Miss Hattie L. Huldt, who was born in Rockford, Nov. 23, 1872. They have two children.

NELS J. BILLSTRÖM,

inventor and foreman of the East Rockford Machine Works,



NELS J. BILLSTRÖM

was born in the city of Malmö, Sweden, Dec. 15, 1856. In 1880, at the age of twenty-four, he came to the United States after having received an elementary schooling in the old country. His father, Nels Billström, is a building contractor of Malmö. Mr. Billström located in St. Paul, but has lived in Rockford the greater part of the time since emigrating. For more than sixteen years he has been foreman of the aforesaid machine works. During this time he has employed his inventive talent to good purpose. He has invented a new barb wire machine which is a great improvement on the older ones and requires less motive power. Another invention of his is a glueing plant carrier for use in furniture factories. He holds patents for both machines, which are manufactured at the East Rockford works and both in actual use. Mr. Billström was married at Rockford, in 1881, to Anna Mathilda Olson. They have four children, Emma, Gunhild, Florence and Edna.

CARL O. CARLSON

was born July 12, 1865, in Sjöamålen, Askeryd parish, Småland, Sweden. Finishing common school at the age of fifteen he worked for five years in Sweden at home on the farm and as carpenter.



CARL O. CARLSON

He came to this country in 1885, and worked for a time in the Wells and France car shops in Chicago. Thereafter he was farming near Marathon, Iowa, for

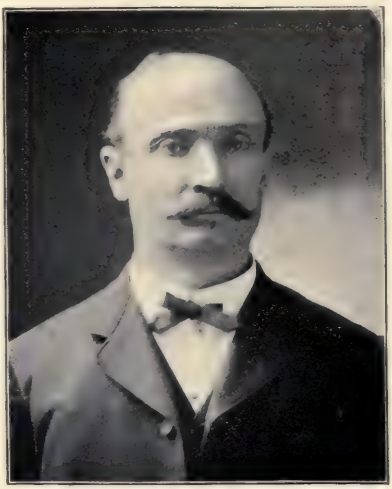
two years, but returned to Chicago in 1887, and took an agency for real estate. When the Svea Building and Loan Association was organized, he became one of the charter members, and accepted the position of general agent. He worked in that vocation for a number of years, and was one of the directors of the association. He also was one of the organizers of the Svea Land Colony, whose principal landholdings are at Silverhill, Alabama.

Now he resides at Rockford where he is in the real estate and land business. He is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Rockford.

Mr. Carlson was married Oct. 26, 1889, to Miss Kaller, born in Askeryd, Småland, June 5, 1866. Their children are: Oscar Arthur, born 1891, and Alfhild Elizabeth, 1894.

AUGUST P. FLOBERG,

bank cashier and well-known as a business man and churchman, was born at Hellestad, Vestergötland, Sweden, Oct. 5, 1856. In July, 1868, he came to Rockford from his native land and has made this city his home ever after. He obtained his education in the Rockford schools. From his youth a member of the First Swedish Lutheran Church, he has served that church as trustee and treasurer continuously since 1876. When the Manufacturers' National Bank was established in 1889, Mr. Floberg became its cashier. This bank is now one of the strongest in the city, its deposits aggregating over



AUGUST P. FLOBERG

one million dollars. Mr. Floberg is affiliated with no organizations besides his church and his business connections.

CHARLES A. FORSBERG,

proprietor of the East Rockford Machine Works, hails from Skarhult, Skåne, Sweden, where he was born Sept. 2, 1856. His parents were Gustaf Forsberg, a blacksmith, and his wife Carolina, née Lindstedt. After attending public schools in his home parish he learned the machinist's trade and worked at it in Sweden and later in Chicago, where he located after emigrating in 1880. Having been employed in different machine shops in Chicago for a number of years, he came to Rockford in 1887 and here started the East Rockford Machine Works. This plant

has now some thirty workmen and makes a specialty of high grade barbed wire and wire netting ma-



CHARLES A. FORSBERG

chinery. Their goods are in use in all parts of the country. Mr. Forsberg is an able machinist, who has made and patented several valuable inventions. He was married in Rockford Oct. 8, 1881, to Emma Anderson, born in Örebro, Sweden, Oct. 9, 1858. They have six children, Gerda, Gustaf, Fritz, Olga, Mary and Edith.

JOHN GUSTAFSON

was born April 15, 1828, in Småland, Sweden. The circumstances in his home compelled him at an early age to earn his own living. He learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until emigrating to this country in 1871, and continued here for eight years more. His special talent as a Gospel teacher and the demand for ministers caused him to be called as a Mission preacher in Rockford. After two years' service here, he went in turn to Paxton, Moline,



JOHN GUSTAFSON

and Muskegon, and finally to Evanston, where he closed his career as a pastor. He is now retired and lives with his children in Rockford.

CHARLES A. HADDORFF

was born in Sweden Feb. 2, 1864. May 28, 1892, he landed on American soil, fitted for practical life by good training in several schools in the land of his birth. Before locating permanently in Rockford, he lived for some time in each of the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., and Oregon, Ill.

Mr. Haddorff is a piano manufacturer and has been successful in his line, as the Haddorff Piano Co. is one of the large industries of Rockford. He is a Baptist in faith and belongs to the First

Swedish Baptist Church, in which



CHARLES A. HADDORFF

he has served many years as a deacon and trustee.

CHARLES W. HOLMQUIST,

dealer in coal and wood, was born in Rockford June 3, 1875. His



CHARLES W. HOLMQUIST

elementary education was obtained in the common schools and his business training in the Rockford Business College.

He is a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church, and of the Rockford lodge of the Order of Columbian Knights.

GIDEON A. HOLMQUIST,

coal merchant, is a native of the city, being born in Rockford Nov. 10, 1873. He is the son of John Holmquist and his wife, Julia. The elder Holmquist came to



GIDEON AMANDUS HOLMQUIST

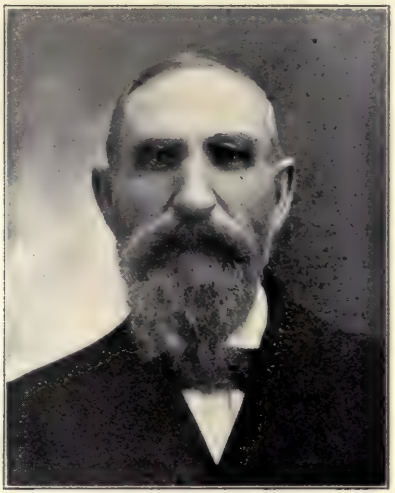
Rockford 36 years ago. He became a coal dealer and succeeded in building up a comfortable business, which is now conducted by the son.

G. A. Holmquist is married to Maude Almeda, daughter of Malcolm Carlson. She was born Nov. 3, 1879, in DeKalb. Having finished high school there, she pursued the study of music at Waterman Hall, Sycamore, and has given music lessons herself from

her sixteenth year. The family belongs to the First Lutheran Church.

ANDREW C. JOHNSON,

the first Swedish furniture manufacturer of Rockford, was born in



ANDREW C. JOHNSON

Törneryd, Blekinge, Sweden, Aug. 16, 1836. His parents were Carl Jönsson, a farmer, and his wife, Lena Persson. The parents with their four sons emigrated in 1854, and after living for a few months at St. Charles, settled permanently in Rockford in June, 1855.

In 1865, Mr. Johnson, who had learned the cabinetmaker's trade after coming to Rockford, went into partnership with John Nelson, the inventor, and Gustaf Hollem, for the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds. After four years Mr. Johnson bought out his partners and conducted the business as sole proprietor. At this juncture he began in a small way to make furniture, and in 1871 associated himself with J. P. Anderson, this firm developing the furniture branch of the business so as to enter the general market. In 1873 L. D. Upham was taken into the firm and a factory was erected on the present site of the Central Furniture Company's plant. In 1874 Mr. Johnsold his interest, his successor being E. L. Herrick. The same year the late Mr. Cuthbert Woodruff became interested in this industry and in 1875 the Forest City Furniture Co. was organized, with Mr. Johnson as superintendent. This was the pioneer furniture factory in Rockford and Mr. Johnson remained as superintendent for a long period. When he retired from active work he still retained a financial interest in the plant.

Mr. Johnson was first married in 1860. From that union there survives a son, Theodore, married to Miss Jennie Lindstrom of Rockford. Mr. Johnson was again married June 4, 1875, to Hilma Augusta Zellen of Rockford. In this marriage there are three daughters, Alma Olivia, Mabel Frances Dorothea and Winifred Eugenia.

Mr. Johnson has been connected with the First Lutheran Church of Rockford since 1855 and served several years as a member of its board of deacons. In the seventies he was elected supervisor of the city. He lives in retirement and with his family occupies a comfortable home at 100 Sixth st.

WILLIAM JOHNSON,

who carries on a lucrative real estate business, was born in Ödes-



WILLIAM JOHNSON

hög, Linköpings län, Sweden, May 1, 1849. On his 21st birthday he landed in this country, and lived for some time in New York and Chicago before settling in Rockford. His education was acquired in the public schools of Sweden and in an American commercial college.

Mr. Johnson has been active in church and political circles alike, being a trustee of the First Swedish Lutheran Church for a number of years and having served several terms in the city council. He was first elected alderman of the Second ward in April, 1899, and has served eight years in the council, having been elected four times in succession.

GUSTAF E. JOHNSON,

partner of his younger brother in the law firm of Johnson & Johnson, was born in Chicago Nov. 1, 1874. He spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Champaign county, Ill., working during the summer and attending public school in the winter months. In the spring of 1899 he entered the law offices of Kerr and Lindley at Paxton and was admitted to the bar in May, 1902. In the fall of the same



GUSTAF E. JOHNSON

year he formed a law partnership with his brother William at Rockford, where the latter had opened a law office the year before. Mr. Johnson is a Lutheran in faith.

NILS P. JOHNSON,

merchant tailor, was born at Hjortshög, Skåne, Sweden, March 22,

1860. He came over to this country in May, 1881, and settled in this city. He has a public school



NILS PETER JOHNSON

education, acquired in the place of his birth. May 8, 1885, four years after his arrival in Rockford, he was married here to Ingrid Lindström from Hjerup, Skåne, born April 2, 1863. The couple have two sons, George Algot and Albin Leonard. Mr. Johnson has conducted a tailoring establishment for a number of years. In his religious convictions he is a Methodist, and has served the local Swedish M. E. church for some time as a trustee.

WILLIAM JOHNSON,

member of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson, was born in Chicago Oct. 23, 1876. While he yet was of tender age, his parents moved to a farm in Champaign county, Ill., where he grew to rugged manhood performing the duties incumbent on the boy of the farm and attending the public schools in winter.

He matriculated in the law class of the Northern Illinois College of Law at Dixon, Ill., Sept. 1, 1897, and successfully pursued the course of legal study prescribed by the college and graduated with honor in the post-graduate class in May, 1900, receiving the degree of LL. M. (Master of Laws). In conjunction with his law course he was under the instruction and in the law office of H. A. Brooks, a practicing attorney of Dixon, Ill. for a period of two years.

While attending college he took a very prominent part in society



WILLIAM JOHNSON

work, debating and parliamentary law, is a very fluent speaker and has a diploma from the Dixon College of Oratory.

He successfully passed his examination for admission to the bar held at Mt. Vernon, Ill., in

December, 1900, and was during that month admitted to practice law at the bar.

During the latter part of February, 1901, he opened a law office at 527 Seventh st., Rockford, and, although a stranger in the city, managed from the start to build up a satisfactory law practice, and in September, 1902, formed a law partnership with his brother under the firm name of Johnson & Johnson, who are at present enjoying a good practice.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Lutheran Church and of the orders of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

GUSTAF JOHNSON,

Chief Deputy Sheriff for more than ten years, was born in the parish of Rydaholm, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 26, 1852. His parents were Johannes Gabrielson and Martha C. Anderson, farmer folk of Rydaholm. After some schooling in Sweden he continued his studies in the public schools and at Arnold's Business College in Rockford where the family located after emigrating in 1868. He is married to Anna C. Johnson, born Oct. 8, 1856, daughter of Olof Johnson, a farmer of Mjelldrunga parish, Vestergötland, their wedding being celebrated Sept. 19, 1877. The couple have had four children, William G. and Ernest V., twins; Arthur L. and Edna B., deceased. Mr. Johnson carries on a large express business, begun in a small way when he established a bus line and express service in 1877. He has been a member of the Republican county central committee for



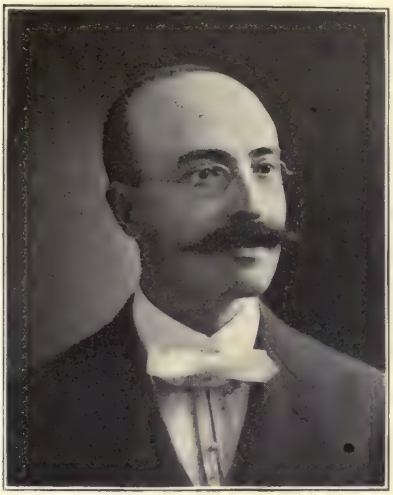
GUSTAF JOHNSON

more than fifteen years and has often been a delegate to state conventions. From its organization until 1902, when he declined the place, he was an officer of the Swedish-American Republican State League of Illinois. Mr. Johnson is financially interested in many business concerns, being a stockholder and director in the Swedish Building and Loan Association, the Union Grocery Company, Scandia Hardware Company and Rockford Furniture and Undertaking Company. He belongs to the First Lutheran Church and to the Modern Woodmen of America.

PER GOTTFRID LAON

was born in Ålsäter, Södermanland, March 6, 1867. He was educated at the Carolinian medical institute of Stockholm and subse-

quently was assistant at the Serafimer Lasarett. Having also studied dental surgery in the old



PER GOTTFRID LAON

country, he came to Chicago in 1893 and here continued his studies at the Northwestern School of Dental Surgery, graduating in 1895. Prior to graduation he was assistant in the dental office of Dr. P. Wm. Thorelius. In 1897 he located in Rockford, where he is the only Swedish dentist and enjoys an extensive practice. In 1895 he was married to Miss Hattie Anderson of Marinette, Wisconsin.

ALFRED G. LARSON,

mason contractor and builder, came to the United States in 1878 from Sweden, where he was born Sept. 5, 1857, in Warnum parish, in the län of Elfsborg. His father had gone to the United States in 1866 and three years later sent for his wife, leaving the boy of twelve to shift for himself among relatives and strangers for nine years. He learned the stonecutter's trade in the meantime, and in October, 1878, rejoined his parents, arriving at their home in Walnut, Bureau county, Ill. In 1881 he removed to Rockford to take up his trade. After five years he engaged in general contracting and building, and is still pursuing this line of business. He was married Oct. 6, 1883, to Selma J. Peterson; they have had in all five children, the oldest two dying in infancy.

Mr. Larson has been a trustee of the First Lutheran Church and for



ALFRED G. LARSON

more than fourteen years was president of the Svea Söner Singing Society; has been a member of the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago county; member of the city council of Rockford in 1898–99; member of the executive com-

mittee and treasurer of the Republican CountyCentral Committee; member of the Library Board, and superintendent of streets, both by appointment, and secretary of the local board of improvements. He has always been a Republican and takes a lively interest in public affairs.

When the Scandia Life Insurance Co. was removed from Galesburg to Chicago, Mr. Larson was chosen a director; in 1905 he was elected member of the board of managers and re-elected in 1906 for a three year term.

ALBERT LAWSON

was born in Rudskoga, Vermland, Sweden, in September, 1866, his parents then being farmers. When he was three years old, his mother died. The father then lost interest in farming, sold his farm and went back to his early trade as house builder. The mechanical traits of the father manifested themselves early in his son when at the age of six years he was found working at the bench. At an early age, Mr. Lawson entered the Stenby sloyd school in Vestmanland and there took up a course of sloyd. While there he entered the employ of the Stockholm, Vesterås and Bergslagen Railway Company and worked in their shops at Vesterås between terms of school. In 1879 he was confirmed under age by special permission his father having been dead for three years. Shortly after the confirmation he decided to emigrate to America, there being nothing to keep him in his native land after both his



ALBERT LAWSON

parents were gone. Arriving in this country in 1879, he went to Perth Amboy, N. Y. where he remained for some time and worked at anything he could get to do to earn a living. In 1880 he went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he worked in different capacities but remained in the employ of the D. M. Gillmore Furniture Mfg. Co. for over six years, which was the real beginning of his present career. He also worked for the Barnard Coop. Furniture Co. of the same place. In 1888 he was offered a position as general foreman of the machine and woodworking departments in the factory of Muskegon Valley Furniture Co., Muskegon, Mich., which he accepted and held for eight years. From that place he hired out to the Michigan Trust

Company of Grand Rapids Mich., which at that time operated a furniture factory at Ionia, Mich., where Mr. Lawson held the position as general foreman. He next took a position with the Connersville Furniture Mfg. Co. of Connersville, Ind. and served in the capacity of superintendent for the machinery and woodworking departments in their large factory. About eight years ago Mr. Lawson received an offer to go to Rockford, Ill., to become general superintendent and designer for the large factories of the Forest City Furniture Co. This position Mr. Lawson still holds and it is probable that he will make Rockford his home for the future as he has acquired a home there, the comforts of which he enjoys together with his devoted wife and one son.

CARL O. E. LOFGREN,

established in Rockford since 1901 as a physician and surgeon, is a native of this state. He was born in Chicago Feb. 27, 1874, but the year of his birth the family moved to Rockford, where his father, Otto Lofgren, became a furniture factory worker. As a boy he attended public school and was employed during vacations in various stores and factories here. In 1891 he was enrolled at Augustana College. After graduation from the college he taught at the orphanage in Andover for a year, and in 1897 took up the study of medicine at the University of Iowa. During the war with Spain he discontinued his studies and went to Cuba and Porto Rico as a member of the hospital corps of



CARL OTTO EMIL LOFGREN

the Sixth Illinois regiment. After his return he spent another year in the medical department of the University of Iowa, but completed the course at the Northwestern University Medical School. After graduation, he returned to Rockford and began a medical and surgical practice in his home city, meeting with eminent success. May 4, 1893, Mayor C. A. Jackson appointed him commissioner of health for the city and he served until May 4, 1907. He is a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association, and was elected department surgeon for Illinois in 1907, and is also post surgeon of the Arthur E. Fisher Camp No. 5 of that organization. Dr. Lofgren is a member of the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church and of the Svea

Söner Singing Society. He is a Republican but no politician.

On June 7, 1905, Dr. Lofgren wedded Miss Alma Kathrina, daughter of Nels P. and Johanna Bengtson, born in Sweden Feb. 19, 1873. They had a daughter, Kathrine Eleonora, born on June 18, 1906, but died Aug. 19, 1906.

ALFRED T. LINDGREN,

secretary of the Swedish Building and Loan Association and organist of the First Swedish Lutheran Church, is a native of Vestergötland, Sweden, where he was born Jan. 15, 1852, at Lindåsen, Hellestad parish. His father, Johannes Jonsson, was a landowner and a clothing merchant. Both parents passed away in Sweden.

Mr. Lindgren attended public school and had private tuition in Sweden until sixteen years old, when he came to the United States, locating in Galesburg. By self-study he acquired English, then took a business course and finally obtained his musical education in the Knox College Conservatory. From 1868 to 1890 he lived in Galesburg, save for the year 1871, spent in Chicago as a grocery salesman, and two years' employment 1887–88 in the office of the general superintendent of the C. B. & Q. R. R.

He began as office boy in the office of the division superintendent at Galesburg in 1872 and advanced to chief clerk. In 1873 he assumed the position of organist and choirmaster of the First Swedish Lutheran Church in Galesburg, which he retained until his removal to Rockford in January, 1890.



ALFRED THORSTEN LINDGREN

In Rockford, Mr. Lindgren at once took the position of secretary of the Swedish Building and Loan Association, which he has held these eighteen years. Simultaneously he accepted a call to become organist of the First Swedish Lutheran Church in this city, a position also retained by him up to the present. In his church he has been a member of the board of trustees since 1896.

Mr. Lindgren is a member of the state committee inspecting alms houses and jails in Winnebago county.

He has sought recreation and instruction in extensive travel in this country and Europe, Sweden in particular.

Mr. Lindgren is a man of benevolent spirit. To his native parish he has donated a fund, now

exceeding 700 crowns, toward the purchase of an organ for its newly erected church edifice. More than that, he granted the parish a loan of 4,000 crowns without interest by way of aiding in the completion of the structure.

Jan. 25, 1882, Mr. Lindgren married Miss Nellie Fredrika Olson, daughter of Anders and Inga Olson of Knoxville, Ill., born Sept. 19, 1861. They have an only child, Caroline. She is a devoted student of the organ and of sacred music and is now organist of the Centennial M. E. Church of Rockford.

SWAN O. WIDELL,

real estate dealer and justice of the peace, has lived in Rockford since July 7, 1887, when he came there from Sweden. He was born in Jarsnäre parish, Småland, Dec. 2, 1866, and attended public school in the old country, where he also learned the cabinetmaker's trade. His father, Sven A. Skarp, until his death belonged to the Jönköping regiment of the standing army of Sweden. He died in Forserum, Småland, in 1891, leaving a widow who still resides there. When Mr. Widell first came to Rockford he began work as cabinetmaker at the Central Furniture Company's plant and later worked at the Scandia Furniture factory until 1890 when he engaged in the realty and loan business which has proven more profitable.

He married May 14, 1891, to Maria Albertina Lindström, born Feb. 19, 1870, at Dunkahalla, Jönköping, Småland. Their children



SWAN O. WIDELL

are: George Oscar Clarence, Burt Leonard and Edna Dorothea. The family are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church and Mr. Widell is a singer in the Svea Söner Singing Society and of many other organizations. He was elected justice of the peace in 1900, re-elected in 1904 and still holds the place, with his office at 528 Seventh st.

JOHAN V. LUNDHOLM,

proprietor of the North Star Pharmacy, was born in the parish of Mörlunda, Småland, Sweden, Sept. 11, 1856. At nine years, he lost his father by death. Having studied at the collegiate school of Kalmar he was registered as a student of pharmacy with the official apothecary at Högsby in 1873.

He passed the examination in 1876 and in 1881 entered the Pharmaceutical Institute of Stock-



JOHAN VICTOR LUNDHOLM

holm and there graduated as a dispenser and pharmacist in 1883. Finding the outlook dark owing to the slow system of advancement prevalent in the old country, he left Sweden for the United States in 1887. For a short time he was employed at Paxton, then had various situations in Chicago. In 1891 he removed to Rockford and the following year he purchased the drug store known as "Apoteket Nordstjernan." By hard work and strict business methods he has succeeded in establishing one of the leading pharmacies in the city.

Mr. Lundholm has been twice married. His first wife was Alfrida Wirstedt of Chicago, who died there in 1895. There were in this union three children, of whom two, Sonja Alfrida and Joseph Sebastian, survive. On June 19, 1901, he was married to Miss Hilma Esterquist of Chicago, born May 17, 1870. Their children are, Stanley Victor Emanuel, born 1902, and Camilla Ruth Ingeborg, 1904.

NELS P. NELSON,

attorney and member of the city council, was born in the parish of Eldsberga, Halland, Sweden, Oct. 23, 1865. His parents, Nils and Petronella Bengtsson, who were farmer folk, both died in the old country. The son emigrated in 1885, having enjoyed an elementary education in the Swedish common schools.

Mr. Nelson located at Putnam, Ill., and there worked on a farm



NELS PETER NELSON

for five years. Then he went to the state of Washington and for three years was employed in a sawmill, of which his brother, John Nelson, was part owner.

After that he spent a year in the mountains of Idaho, riding the range. While occupied as a cowboy and rancher he also tried prospecting, but with indifferent success. He returned to Illinois in 1893 to get a glimpse at the World's Fair at Chicago, then went back to Putnam and farmed for another year in that locality. In January, 1895, he entered Augustana College and pursued an eclectic course there until the spring of 1899, when he assumed temporary charge of a church in Buffalo, N. Y., for one year. Mr. Nelson, having settled on the law as his future profession, began preparation at the Drake University law school. The second year in the course he spent at the University of Nebraska, where he obtained his diploma in June, 1902, and was subsequently admitted to the bar. He did not engage in legal practice at once, but coming to Rockford secured a position as foreman of the stock room of the Illinois Sewing Machine Company. Leaving that position after three years, he took up the practice of law at Rockford in January, 1906, having passed the bar examination in Springfield in October, 1903.

In the spring election of 1907 Mr. Nelson entered the aldermanic contest in the Second ward and came out victorious in the fight, being elected to the city council April 16.

His marriage took place Oct. 12, 1903. His bride was Miss Caroline B. Norlin, a daughter of Charles and Betsy Norlin of Putnam. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have had a son, who died in infancy. A second son, Carroll Homer, was born June 15, 1907. They are members of the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church, which Mr. Nelson has served as a trustee since 1903. He belongs to the North Star and Modern Woodmen orders.

WILLIAM NELSON,

one of the most eminent citizens of Rockford, was born at Syca-



WILLIAM NELSON

more, Ill., Oct. 29, 1857. His father was John Nelson from Kärråkra, Vestergötland, the inventor of a knitting machine which has played an important part in the industrial development of the city of Rockford. After many years of experimental work he succeeded in making a practical machine, which was subsequently brought nearer and nearer to perfection by the inventor and his sons. William Nelson, who became a part-

ner of his father at an early age, has steadily developed the knitting factory founded by the elder Nelson, until it is now one of the largest of its kind in the United States.

As a youth, Mr. Nelson attended the public and high school of his home city. He is married and has a family of five children, named Lovisa, Elsie, Dorothy, Hilding and William. Mrs. Olivia Nelson was born July 20, 1867, at Bokhillsäter, Vermland.

Mr. Nelson has extensive manufacturing and business interests: he is the president of the Forest City Knitting Company, vice-president of the Nelson Knitting Company, president of the Nelson Hotel Company, and vice-president of B. F. Barnes & Co. He is a a member of the following Masonic bodies, viz.: Freeport Consistory, Shriner of Tebala Temple, Rockford, and Knight Templar of the Crusade Commandery of that city.

On Jan. 28, 1901, he was appointed one of the aids of Governor Richard Yates, with the rank of Colonel. Not long afterward, Col. and Mrs. Nelson entertained Gov. and Mrs. Yates at their beautiful home on North Main st., together with a number of other distinguished guests, the occasion being one of the most splendid in the social affairs of Rockford.

AUGUST NYLANDER,

born at Nye in the län of Jönköping, Sweden, Oct. 16, 1869 came over to this country in 1888 and lived in Sycamore and Aurora before eventually locating in Rockford. During his first two years in the United States he worked on a farm in Winnebago county, afterwards plying the carpenter's trade until 1895, when he went into the grocery business in partnership with Charles Castenson, continuing until 1901. In the following year Mr. Nylander was appointed overseer of the poor. For three years from the year 1900, inclusive, he was superintendent of Postal Station No. 2. For various periods he has been a member of the County Board, of the School Board and of the Republican County Central Committee.



AUGUST NYLANDER

Mr. Nylander belongs to the First Swedish Lutheran Church of Rockford.

PEHR AUGUST PETERSON is the recognized leading manufacturer of the city of Rockford.



PEHR AUGUST PETERSON

He is the organizing genius of the great furniture and piano industry of that city. Following out the cooperative system of production, he has been instrumental in establishing the major part of the furniture factories for which Rockford is justly famous. He is now and during the past thirty years has been directly or indirectly interested in more industrial enterprises than any other man in Rockford and, we daresay, any other Swedish-American in the United States. His career is a highly interesting one.

Pehr August Peterson was born in Ving, Vestergötland, Sweden, Sept. 8, 1848. In 1852 his parents, P. A. Peterson, Sr., and wife, emigrated to America, destined for Chicago. Learning there that the country offered better opportunities for newcomers, they proceeded to Rockford, then but a small town. The Peterson family were among the first Swedish settlers in Winnebago county. They located on a farm on which the son grew up under none too favorable conditions incidental to the life of pioneer farmers. His early training consisted of years of hard work on the farm and not much schooling.

At about twenty-seven years of age he entered a business college, determined to remedy the defects in his education. When in March, 1876, the Union Furniture Company was organized, the young commercial student was given the position of secretary of the company, the first step in a business career that was to become remarkable. He soon realized the excellent outlook for the furniture manufacture in the West, the favorable conditions obtaining in Rockford and the advantages of the cooperative system to all interested, whether managers and directors or workmen. During the next few years company after company was organized on this plan, and almost invariably Mr. Peterson was one of the promoters, became financially interested and was chosen president, vice-president or director.

The great panic of 1893 and the resultant business depression played havoc with the industries of Rockford. Several establishments went down in the general crash, but the stronger ones weathered the storm. New plants

had been built largely on credit and on the most unbounded confidence of moneyed men in Mr. Peterson and those interested with him. These naturally suffered worst and the difficulties that he had in his efforts to keep his "infant industries" alive would have driven most men to despair. He drew on every resource, but without avail, and more than one of the enterprises that he had fathered went by the board. But a man of his stamp was not to be downed. With the revival in business following the crisis, Mr. Peterson rallied, and he is now a greater industrial captain than before. He rehabilitated himself in a manner that does credit to his head and heart alike—not by wiping out old scores and opening new books, but by conscientiously paying up old accounts as fast as his new resources would permit.

In one way or another Mr. Peterson has been connected with sundry enterprises, besides industrial ones, among his fellow countrymen in Rockford. Prior to the panic he had large investments in realty and in 1890–91 built about one hundred houses in east Rockford, thereby materially aiding in the development of that quarter of the city.

In 1906 Mr. Peterson was chosen president of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois.

CHARLES J. LUNDBERG, furniture manufacturer, was born of Swedish parents at Kirkland, Ills., De Kalb co., Oct. 28, 1871. He attended the country schools, afterwards removing to the city of Rockford and attended the Rock-



CHARLES J. LUNDBERG

ford Business College, completing a business course in a very short period of time. He then became a teacher of book-keeping in the evening school at the college, but resigned his position to become book-keeper for the Star Furniture Co., in which capacity he served for some time, afterwards being elected secretary and treasurer of the company which position he held for a period. Mr. Lundberg sold his interest in the company and started on the road selling furniture for the Rockford Desk Co., in which company he was president and heavily interested financially, and traveled for three years. He later sold his interest to Oscar Bergquist, the present secretary and treasurer, and purchased the plant now known as the Co-Oper-

ative Furniture Co., from the assignee, F. F. Wormwood. All the capital he had at that time was accumulated by himself through hard manual labor, during his first three years in the city. He had worked at the different furniture factories, starting at the Forest City Furniture Co., working in the machine room at 75 cents per day. Mr. Lundberg was in 1907 reelected to the office of vice-president of the National Furniture Association of America.

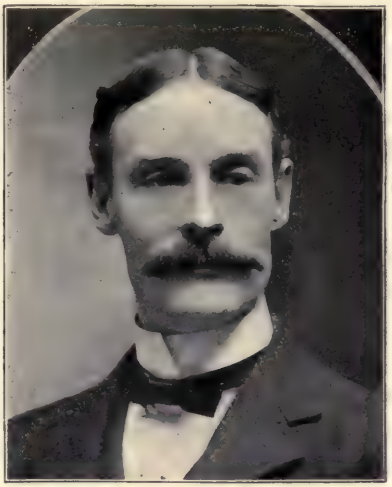
He was appointed the purchasing agent for Rockford, all the purchases for the entire city being placed in his hands. Mr. Lundberg was elected alderman of the first ward in 1903 and still holds the position.

At present he is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Co-Operative Furniture Co., owning the controlling interest in the company with a capital of $50,000.00 paid in, $45,000.00 surplus, and doing a business of $150,000.00 per annum.

Mrs. Olga Olive Lundberg is of Swedish descent and was born Sept. 28, 1876 and was married on her birthday in 1898. She attended Augustana College, taking the music course. Mr. and Mrs. Lundberg are members of the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church in which Mr. Lundberg has been a trustee.

C. G. W. SANDEHN,

member of the firm of D. J. Stewart & Co., the largest dry goods house in Rockford, came to the city the last day of the year 1879. He then entered the employ of George Mills. Half a year later



CHARLES G. W. SANDEHN

he was employed in the dry goods house of S. Withrow, remaining until September, 1881, when he changed to C. W. Brown & Co. and next to Stewart & Co., where he continued until May, 1896, when he, together with L. K. Ross, opened a dry goods house on Seventh st. under the firm name of Sandehn & Ross. Sept. 1, 1901, Mr. Sandehn became sole owner and continued the business alone until the following February, when he closed out and became a stockholder and director in the firm of D. J. Stewart & Co.

In 1888 Mr. Sandehn was married to Carolina Johnson, daughter of A. C. Johnson, the pioneer furniture maker of Rockford. They have had five children, three boys and two girls, one boy dying in infancy. Mrs. Sandehn died at

Upland, Cal., Feb. 5, 1906. In 1907 Mr. Sandehn married Celia V. Beckstrand, daughter of O. A. Beckstrand, deceased 1895.

Mr. Sandehn is a native of Sweden, being born in Jönköping on June 3, 1861. In that city he attended the collegiate school. After emigrating in September, 1876, he entered public school at Galva, continuing his studies during that winter. The following spring he obtained employment with R. R. Cable & Co. at Cable, Ill., and left there for Rockford in 1879.

He is a Lutheran and has been a trustee of the First Swedish Lutheran Church for twelve years. He has served three terms as supervisor of Winnebago county.

NILS P. SJÖSTRÖM,

pastor of the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church of Rockford since 1901, was born in Arnäs, Vesternorrlands län, Sweden, July 1, 1866. He is the son of Olof Larson, a farmer, and his wife, Anna Margareta Johanson. At the age of nineteen he emigrated, going first to Denver, Colo. He studied for three years at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., and at Augustana College for four years, graduating in 1893. The same year he was sent as the representative of the students of Augustana College to attend the 300th anniversary of the introduction of Lutheranism in Sweden. After his return he entered the theological school at Augustana, was graduated two years later and was ordained a Lutheran minister of the Gospel at the meeting of the Augustana Synod at Chicago in the summer of 1895.



NILS P. SJÖSTRÖM

His first pastoral charges were the Swedish Lutheran churches at Springfield and E. Long Meadow Mass. After 5½ years of service in this field, he accepted a call from the Zion Swedish Lutheran Church at Rockford, taking charge Jan. 1, 1901.

As a preacher and pastor, Rev. Sjöström is successful, and he is held in high esteem by his parishioners.

June 5, 1907, Rev. Sjöström was united in marriage to Anna C. Ekfelt from Chariton, Ia.

CARL E. STRÖMBERG,

established in Rockford since 1897 as a fresco painter, was born at Tengelsås, Holmby parish, Skåne, Sweden, Dec. 31, 1871. When the son was two years old, his

father, Carl Johan Strömberg, a miller, was killed in the machinery. The boy, however, was given



CARL EDWARD STRÖMBERG

a good education along artistic lines. He received his first instruction from Professor Borggren in the art department of the technical school of Malmö. Later he studied under Professor Thulin of the Lund University, known all over the Scandinavian countries for his Gothic church decorations. Mr. Strömberg has traveled extensively in Europe, especially in Germany and France, studying and making technical observations. In 1891 he returned to Sweden, and in 1893 he came to the United States after having again visited Berlin and Paris.

He executes artistic mural decorations and frescoes in churches, theaters and other public buildings as well as interior decorations of fine private dwellings.

Mrs. Strömberg's maiden name was Hilma Elida Åkesson. She is the daughter of Bernhard Kristian Åkesson, who is superintendent of the celebrated Kochum wharf and shipbuilding establishment at Malmö. The pair have a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth.

CARL W. SUNDMARK,

pastor of the Swedish Baptist Church, was born at Smedjebacken, Dalarne, Sweden, Dec. 16, 1865. In early life he had a great desire for an education, which, however, was limited to that acquired in the common school, supplemented by a little private instruction. He was employed at the Fagersta factory in Vestman-



CARL WILHELM SUNDMARK

land, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. He emigrated in 1886, locating in Northern Michigan. While in Sweden he had often conducted religious meetings and this he continued among his brethren in faith in these locali-

ties, subsequently accepting a call to preach temporarily in the Baptist Church at Ludington and later to become its regular pastor. He was ordained in 1888 for the said charge. The following year he entered the Swedish Department of the divinity school of the University of Chicago, and was graduated in the spring of 1893, when he assumed charge of the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. Although serving only a year, the number of members through his efforts was increased from 40 to more than 80. He next took charge of the church at Stromsburg, Neb., where he had served while a student, and now served from 1894 to 1897 as its pastor, afterwards serving the Harlem St. Baptist Church of Worcester, Mass., for an equal period. In 1900, hearkening to a call from his birth-place, he returned to Sweden and served for two years as pastor of the Baptist flock in Smedjebacken, Dalarne. After laboring a short time in Jamestown, N. Y. he removed to Rockford, and since April 1, 1903, has served as pastor of the Swedish Baptist congregation, which was organized in 1880 and now has a membership of 270.

Sept. 6, 1893, Rev. Sundmark was united in marriage to Miss Ida Johnson, born in Mead, Neb., Sept. 5, 1871. They have four children, born in the order named: Ruth Ethel W., 1897; F. Adelia, 1899; Florence Dorothy, 1904, and Roger William, 1906.

J. E. SWANSON

was born in the parish of Tutaryd, Småland, Sweden, Jan. 19, 1864.



J. E. SWANSON

Emigrating in 1880, he came to De Kalb and ultimately to Rockford ten years afterward. He received his education at the city schools and the Rockford Business College, after which he engaged in commercial pursuits with success. He is now secretary and treasurer and general manager of the Rockford Standard Furniture Company. Mr. Swanson is a member of the First Swedish Lutheran Church of Rockford.

Sept. 22, 1897, Mr. Swanson was married to Hannah C. Gustafson. Three children have been born to them.

OSCAR A. THOLIN,

who for eighteen years has been in the painting and decorating trade with his place of business at 613 Seventh st., has lived in

Rockford since 1880, when he came over from the old country. He was born in the little city of



OSCAR A. THOLIN

Grenna, Småland, May 5, 1863. Mr. Tholin has taken contracts for interior decoration and frescoing of a number of churches, including the Swedish Lutheran edifices at De Kalb, Woodhull, Lily Lake, Geneva, Sycamore, Pecatonica, Belvidere, and the Salem Church in Chicago; also a church in Bergen, Wisconsin.

With his wife, Ida, he has two sons, Agder and Rudolph. Mr. Tholin s a member of Camp 20, Modern Woodmen of America.

CARL E. TRAGARDH,

has been in the drug business in Rockford since he came to Rockford from the old country in 1888. The first two years he clerked in different drug stores and in 1890 engaged in the business for himself, going into partnership with O. Ebbesen and opening a drug store under the firm name of Tragardh and Ebbesen. In Lund, Sweden, where he was born Nov. 1, 1866, Mr. Tragardh was educated in the collegiate institute and subsequently completed the course in the Pharmaceutical Institute at Stockholm.

He was appointed state food inspector in 1898 by Governor Tanner and re-appointed in 1900 by Governor Yates. He is an active Republican and has served as secretary of the Swedish-American Republican Club of Winnebago county. Mr. Tragardh is a member of the Phar-



CARL E. TRAGARDH

maceutical Association of Stockholm and of the National Druggists' Association of America.

CHARLES C. LOFQUEST,

dramatic editor of the Rockford Daily *Republic*, was born of Swed-

ish parentage in Copenhagen Sept. 7, 1879, and was brought to America the following year. He studied



CHARLES C. LOFQUEST

at Adelphi Academy and Brooklyn high school while living in that city and subsequently at Stratton's Business College in New York and at Upsala University. He began his journalistic career as a reporter, working on the New York *World*, Brooklyn *Eagle*, New York *Journal*, and Brooklyn *Citizen*, and was literary editor of *Music and Stage* in 1900. He was a political speaker in New York during Odell's gubernatorial campaign, and has lectured on Swedish history before the South Brooklyn Historical Society under the auspices of the Brooklyn Board of Education.

Mr. Lofquest has been a resident of Rockford four years. Since his connection with the *Republic* he has done some notable dramatic reviewing, which has found favor with those who closely follow the activities of the drama.

In the last five years he has devoted much of his time to short-story writing and bids fair to make a name for himself in American literature. A number of his contributions have appeared in the leading magazines. Among some of his short tales which have made a hit may be mentioned: Prince Pautqua, Olt Peeter, Il Rosso Ruggiero, Sebastiao, The Little Brother of God, Col. Chester's Resignation, Calliope Pete, Trespassers, A Limb of the Law, and Monsieur Giffard.

His parents are Sven Aaron Lofquest and Johanna Nilsson. The elder Lofquest is a shoe merchant on Broadway, New York, and resides in Brooklyn. In the middle seventies he was U. S. Consul at a Swedish port. The mother of the younger Lofquest came from a family of soldiers; her grandfather was a colonel in the Swedish army.

Mr. Lofquest is married to Miss Christine Mitchell.

OTTO W. PAULSON

was born Feb. 27, 1873, in Sweden. His parents emigrated with their family in May, 1880, and settled at Valley Springs, S. D., removing to Rockford in December, 1881. The son, after finishing the grades of the public school, obtained work in furniture factories and learned wood-carving. He worked at his trade until January, 1892, when he entered the commercial department at

Augustana College, from which he was graduated June 7, 1893. After working two years as a



OTTO W. PAULSON

bookkeeper, he became agent and then assistant superintendent with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Since March 2, 1902, Mr. Paulson has acted as general agent and manager of the Rockford district for the Scandia Life Insurance Co. of Chicago.

Mr. Paulson was elected alderman of the big Second ward in May, 1905, and was reelected in 1907. Since January, 1907, he has been secretary of Svea Söner Singing Society.

CARL VICTOR URBOM

was born in Hammar parish, Nerike, Sweden, Nov. 29, 1859. At the age of 24 he emigrated and came to Rockford. His parents were Carl Johan Janson, a farmer, and Sophia Urbom. For many years Mr. Urbom was a shoe dealer in Rockford; in the meanwhile he studied privately with the ultimate view of becoming a physician, and was graduated April 11, 1903, from the Hering Medical College, Chicago. Since July 15th of that year he has practiced medicine in Rockford, being the only Swedish homoepathic physician in the city.

He is a member of the Swedenborgian Church and has been president of the Swedish-American New Church Association.

His wife, Augusta, née Olson, born in 1858, is now dead. Their



CARL VICTOR URBOM

children are six in number, Fredrik, Frantz, Clara, Charles, Anna and George.

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ADOLPH T. ANDERSON

is a farmer at Elva Station, in his native town of De Kalb. He

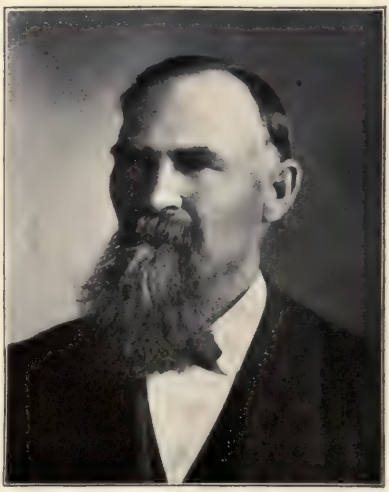


ADOLPH THEODORE ANDERSON

was born in Afton Township, this county, Sept. 22, 1865. He has enjoyed a common school education in his home district. Mr. Anderson stands well in the community and the church; he has served on the school board and as Commissioner of Public Highways; in the local Swedish Lutheran church he has been a trustee for a long period.

AUGUST ANDERSON

was born in Jerlöf, Veddige, Halland, Jan. 24, 1844. He came to this country in 1865, and resided for some little time in Jamesburg, N. Y. and came from there to Chicago. Here he met Rev. Erland Carlsson who advised him to go to Batavia. As the Swedish Lutheran church had as yet not been organized in Batavia he joined the one in Geneva, the neighboring town, in 1865 and at the annual meeting of that church the following year he was elected deacon. In 1871 he moved to Chicago, where he was burned out in the great fire. He now returned to Batavia, where he had acquired a house before he went to Chicago, into which he now moved. In the second story of that same house the Swedes used to gather and listen to the Gospel, and it was here that the Swedish Ev. Lutheran Bethania Church was organized in 1872.



AUGUST ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson was elected a deacon of the newly organized church and served in that capacity until he removed from

Batavia in 1878. While he lived there he did much to encourage the little congregation.

In 1878 Mr. Anderson moved to the neighborhood of Malta, where he still resides and is owner of 400 acres of land. He joined the Swedish Lutheran Church of De Kalb of which he still is a member. He has served that church as deacon for more than twenty years.

Mr. Anderson was married in October, 1868, to Inga Lena Erikson with whom he has had 12 children, two of whom are dead and two are married. The rest of the children live with the parents and help on the farm with the exception of the oldest son who lives in Sycamore, Ill. Mr. Anderson has for years been school trustee in Malta township.

JAMES O. BJÖRKMAN,

clothing merchant, is a native of the state, born Dec. 21, 1876, at Aledo. He attended the public school there until he attained the age of fourteen. When thirteen years old he began work as salesman in a cigar and news stand, continuing until sixteen, when he became a clothing and dry goods salesman. He was thus employed in his native town for ten years.

In the spring of 1901 he came to DeKalb and opened a retail clothing store. A year later he sold a half interest to R. J. Frankle, conducting the business in the firm name of Björkman & Frankle. After another year he bought out his partner and since then conducts the business in his own name. Mr. Björkman takes pride in the fact that by his own



JAMES O. BJÖRKMAN

effort he has built up a business that is one of the finest of its kind in the county. More recently he has opened a second store in DeKalb, known as the East End Clothing House.

He belongs to a number of lodges and societies, such as the Knights of Pythias, the M. W. of A., the F. O. of Eagles, the Independent Order of Vikings and the North Star Benefit Association.

Jan. 22, 1900, he was married at Galesburg to Bettie C. Youngren, born June 15, 1876. A son, Lester Lee, is the fruit of this union.

Mr. Björkman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Björkman, came to this country in 1861 and are still living.

PETER CHRISTIANSON,

masonry contractor, was born in Skåne, Sweden, Nov. 30, 1866.



PETER CHRISTIANSON

He emigrated at the age of twenty-one, locating in Rockford. During the financial stringency in that city he removed with his family to DeKalb, where he has since been successfully engaged as a contracting mason. The family owns a comfortable home in the Ellwood addition.

He was married in 1888 to Miss Bessie Nilson, and they have three children, Edward William, Rudolph Evald and Percy Bernhard.

Mr. Christianson is a member of the Court of Honor and has served as treasurer of the local lodge.

CLAUS P. COLLIN,

builder and masonry contractor, hails from Kråksmåla, Småland, Sweden, where he was born Jan. 6, 1874. Emigrating in February, 1892, he settled in DeKalb and, after being variously employed for four years, engaged in the building business in 1896. During the eleven years he has been in business for himself he has met with marked success.

Mr. Collin is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church at De



CLAUS P. COLLIN

Kalb and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

CHARLES ENG,

foreman at the American Steel and Wire Works, was born March 22, 1869, at Bjerka, Vestergötland, Sweden. He came to this country Feb. 25, 1887, and lived in New York and New Jersey until 1889, then in Braddock and Rankin, Pa., for four years, removing to DeKalb in 1893. In April, 1903, he was elected alderman of the Third ward, but prior to that time the wire manufacturing business, he asserts, had engrossed

him so completely that he had not even found time to get married.

Mr. Eng is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Vikings.



CHARLES ENG

SIMON C. JOHNSON

is a native of DeKalb county, being born in Milan township May 15, 1866. His education was obtained in the country school. Mr. Johnson is the inventor of several useful articles and appliances, chief among them being a chimney staging, adjustable to any roof and requiring but a few minutes to put in place, and a ladder hanger for the use of painters, carpenters, masons and mechanics. The patents carried by Mr. Johnson are the first to be granted on any similar appliances, according to the patent office. The articles are manufactured on a small scale by the inventor himself.

Mr. Johnson was elected collector of the city and township of DeKalb in 1897. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

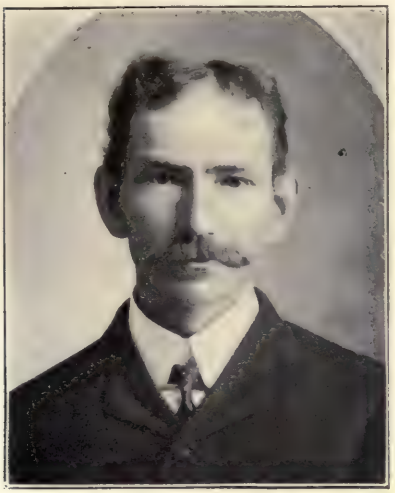


SIMON C. JOHNSON

JOHN F. JOHNSTON

who has been a resident of De Kalb since 1873, was born at Sycamore, this state, April 10, 1870. His father, Christopher Johnston, died in 1871, the same year the family settled in De Kalb co. Having finished public school the son entered the Davenport, (Ia.,) Business College, of which he is a graduate. As a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church he has evinced great activity. A teacher in the Sunday school since 1887, he became its superintendent in 1898. Besides he has served for a long period as leader of the church choir, has been secretary of the church for a number of years, and is a mem-

ber of the board of deacons since 1903. He has served one term as director in the Y. M. C. A. of



JOHN F. JOHNSTON

De Kalb, and is musical director and secretary of the Third Regiment Band. In 1899 he obtained a letter carrier's position which he still holds. He stood highest among sixty applicants in the civil service examination.

He was in 1907 elected treasurer of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois at its Rockford convention.

Mr. Johnston has served as recorder of the local observatory of the North Star Benefit Association since 1899. Nov. 16, 1892, he was united in marriage to Hilda S. Bergquist, born March 4, 1874. Their children are: Spener Christopher, born 1893; Paul Rudolph Melanchton, 1895; Anna Margueriite Evangeline, 1897; Genevieve Paulina, 1899; John Martin McKinley, 1901; Rachel Cecilia, 1903, Carl Theodore Immanuel, 1906, and Gustaf Adolphus Frederick, 1907.

ANDREW G. LINDBERG

has owned and cultivated a farm in Afton township since 1891. He came to the United States in 1881 from Eskilstuna, Sweden, where he was born April 23, 1859. In Warren, Pa., he worked for a year at the blacksmith's trade, which he had learned in his native city. From there he came to De Kalb and was employed for four years in the barb wire factories, but his chief ambition was to own a home in the country, so he went to Minnesota and bought 160 acres of land in Murray county.



ANDREW G. LINDBERG

In 1888 he desired to see the mining country of the West and spent two years in Aspen, Breckinridge, Leadville and Colorado Springs. Then he returned to the farming country of Illinois, locat-

ing in this county. After working a year for the C. F. Patten Co. he purchased the farm he now owns.

He has served his county in the capacities of tax collector and member of the school board.

Mr. Lindberg belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church of De Kalb, which he has served as secretary and as trustee for years.

In 1890 he was married to Helen Anderson of Afton township. They have two sons and three daughters.

SAMUEL PETERSON

was born in Sweden, Oct. 13, 1855, the son of John Peterson, a carpenter, and his wife Maria. The family emigrated in 1869, and the mother died in 1871, followed by her husband in 1892. Having finished his common school education, Samuel Peterson turned to manual labor. After working for some time in the Daly Implement Works at De Kalb he attained a position as foreman which he held for six years. Quitting the factory at twenty-five years of age he embarked in business as a building contractor and has continued in the same line with uniform success up to the present time.

Mr. Peterson is an influential citizen of De Kalb and enjoys the confidence of his townsmen to a high degree. He has served on the board of education for two terms or six years, and as a member of the aldermanic council for four years. In politics he is a Republican, with the great majority of his fellow countrymen, and belongs to the local Swedish Republican Club.



SAMUEL PETERSON

The Swedish Lutheran Church has in him a useful and active adherent, Mr. Peterson having served on the board of trustees for a period of twelve years.

Mr. Peterson has a wife and eight children. His marriage took place Sept. 26, 1883, and the bride was Miss Christine Pearson of Oregon, Ill., a daughter of John and Anna Pearson of that city. The children are: Edna Gertrude, born Aug. 1, 1884; Roy Milton, Oct. 7, 1886; Earl Raymond, Oct. 10, 1889; Irving Leonard, Aug. 4, 1891; Ruth Lucile, July 19, 1894; Anna Marie, Sept. 16, 1897. The family home is at 326 South Sixth street.

E. A. RYBERG

was born April 30, 1871, in Fryeled parish, Småland, Sweden. He

emigrated to Kansas in the spring of 1888, and worked on a farm for over a year. He thence went



E. A. RYBERG

to Topeka, where he obtained employment in the shoe store of Nystrom Brothers. With this firm he remained seven years. While in Topeka he belonged to the local Swedish Mission Church. After completing the courses at the Chicago Theological Seminary he was ordained to the ministry and took charge of his first pastorate at Bay City, Michigan. In the spring of 1901 he became pastor of the Swedish Mission Church on W. 22nd st., Chicago. Since 1903 Rev. Ryberg has had charge of the Swedish Congregational Church at De Kalb.

AXEL G. SKOGLUND

was born at Tossene, Bohus län, Sweden, Oct. 28, 1878. He emigrated to America early in 1899, ocating at DeKalb, where he at once obtained employment as a mason tender. In a very short time he learned the mason's trade



AXEL GARIBALDI SKOGLUND

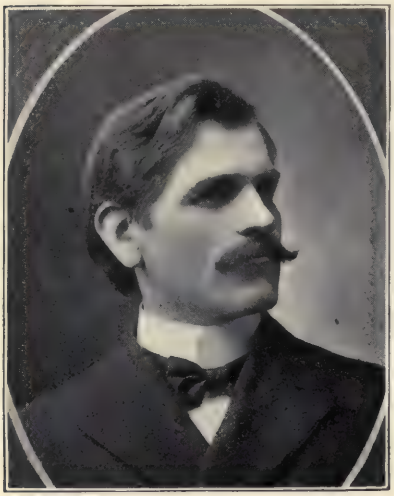
and established himself as a masonry contractor, in which line of business he has achieved success.

Mr. Skoglund is a Lutheran by faith.

EMIL SKOGLUND,

former pastor of the Swedish Mission Church at DeKalb, was born at Karlskoga, Sweden, Aug. 29, 1872, and was six years old when brought to this country by his parents. He was reared in the city of Chicago and, after reaching mature age, entered North Park College and was graduated from the Covenant's divinity school in 1903. After ordination to the ministry he took charge as pastor of the Swedish Mission Church at DeKalb.

He is now pastor of the Swed-



EMIL SKOGLUND

ish Mission Church at Waverly, Nebraska, having removed in 1907.

NELS J. SMITH,

engaged in farming near Elva Station, in DeKalb county, was



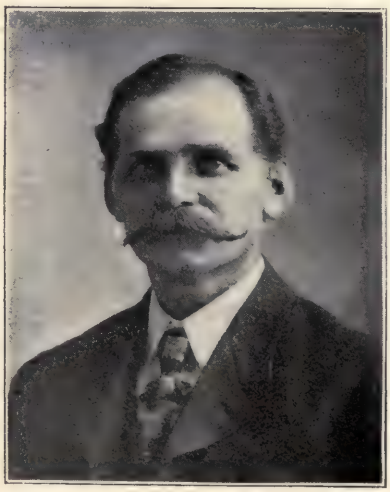
NELS JOHN SMITH

born in Tranemo parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, Oct. 10, 1847, and came to America in 1872. With the exception of a period spent in Chicago, he has lived in this county ever since. He has served on the school board of Afton township for a long term of years, and as a trustee of the Swedish Lutheran Church at DeKalb, of which he is one of the oldest members.

May 31, 1877, he was united in marriage at Oak Park, Ill., to Nelly Nelson, who was born in Skåne June 11, 1845, and came to America in 1870. Their union has been blessed with four children, Bert Herbert, deceased, Oscar, David, and Waldo, deceased.

CHARLES J. STONE,

foreman in the wire mill at De Kalb, was born at Brattfors, Verm-



CHARLES J. STONE

land, Sweden, May 9, 1856. Having received a common school education, he went to work at the age of fifteen, learning the trade

of his father, who was employed in the iron and steel works at Brattfors. In 1874 the family removed to Degerfors, Vermland, father and son being employed in the iron works at that place until 1886. Mr. Stone became very proficient in his work, for which he received the highest grade given by the firm, and was often called upon to give practical demonstrations in private to leading iron masters of Sweden.

At thirty Mr. Stone came to the United States. After living a short time in Manistee, Mich., he was employed in the barbed wire mill of the Haish Manufacturing Co. of DeKalb; later he changed to the Superior Barb Wire Co., and again to the Ellwood Nail and Wire Co., now the American Steel and Wire Co.'s mills at De Kalb, where he now holds the position of foreman in the drawing department.

Mr. Stone is a member of the Swedish Mission Church and of the order of Modern Woodmen of America.

AUGUST WILHELM STARK,

pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church of De Kalb, is a native of Sweden. He was born on the 2nd of Nov., 1854, and is a son of John G. Johnson (deceased) and Martha Christine Stark. The name Johnson being so common among the people of his nationality, he assumed his mothers's name as did also a younger brother.

He grew up a stranger to affluence. As soon as he was old enough to be of any assistance,



AUGUST WILHELM STARK

he was required to lend a hand in gaining a living. He attended public schools from his sixth year until thirteen years of age and from that time until his emigration to the U. S. worked on the railroad. In 1873, he was induced by a brother and sister, who had already come to this country, to cross the Atlantic. Locating at Tidioute, Pa. he performed manual labor for a time. During the winter of 1876–77 he attended the Collegiate Institute of Jamestown, N. Y. After his conversion in 1874 he had a desire to become a minister of the Gospel and in 1878 began preparation for that work. In January of that year he entered Augustana College, where he was graduated in 1883, with the degree of A. B. In 1885 he was graduated from

the Augustana Theological Seminary. While acquiring his education, he largely supported himself by teaching school and preaching. He was ordained in Rockford, Ill., in 1885, having received calls to four different charges, accepting one near Round Rock, Texas.

In 1886 Rev. Stark was called to the pastorate of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Des Moines, Iowa. Here he worked for four and a half years. In the spring of 1891, he accepted a call from De Kalb, Ill., and has been pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church of that place since then.

During his ministry Rev. Stark has held the following offices: Vice-President of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod, Swedish Corresponding Secretary of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America, and is at present President of the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home of the Illinois Conference.

Rev. Stark has two brothers in the ministry, viz: Rev. F. M. Johnson of Chicago and Rev. G. K. Stark of Evanston.

In Chicago, on the 14th of Jan., 1886, Rev. Stark was united in marriage with Miss Wilhelmina Peterson, born in Chicago, Nov. 5, 1862, the daughter of O. P. and Carrie Peterson, both deceased. They have seven children, Minnie E., Carl F. E., Paul W., Luther N., Esther C., Ebba M. L., and August W., one son having died in infancy.

ANDERS W. ANDERSON,

contractor and builder, was born in Järstad parish, Östergötland,



ANDERS WILHELM ANDERSON

May 26, 1849. He came over from Sweden in 1869, equipped with a common school education and ambition to work. Prior to settling down in Sycamore, he lived in Chicago, Rock Island and Moline for short periods.

He has been a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church here for 35 years, secretary of the church for some 18 years, trustee at various periods from 1875, and deacon since 1898. He served as alderman in Sycamore for two terms and was then chairman of the street and walk committee. Mr. Anderson has been twice married, and had four children with his first wife and five with the second. Both wives are dead, as also the four children of the first marriage and one of the

second. He now lives with the remaining four children.

MAGNUS FRYKMAN,

pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Sycamore, is the son



MAGNUS FRYKMAN

of a farmer of Sunne, Vermland, where he was born Oct. 3, 1844. His father was for many years in public service in connection with the district court. In 1873 the son emigrated to the United States and entered Augustana Theological Seminary, then located in Paxton, completing the course and being ordained to the ministry in the spring of 1875, at a synodical meeting held at Vasa, Minn. He had previously pursued studies at the Ahlberg School at Hvetlanda, aside from attending the common school at Sunne. Since his ordination Rev. Frykman has had pastoral charge in the following places: Chariton, Ia., 1875–80; Marinette, Wis., 1880–83; Republic, Mich., 1883–85; Sycamore, since Dec. 22, 1885.

Rev. Frykman has been one of the most active and useful members of the Augustana clergy. He has served as secretary of the Iowa Conference for two years, of the Illinois Conference for three years, vice-president of the latter conference one year and its president for four years (1895–98). For several years he has been a member of the Synodical Council of the Augustana Synod and of the executive committee of the Illinois Conference, and has besides been called upon to serve on various important committees. He served for a number of years on the board of directors of the Augustana Hospital in Chicago.

Dec. 4, 1884, Rev. Frykman was married at Marinette, Wis., to Miss Amanda Odea Olson, daughter of Emanuel and Gustafva Olson, who are still living there.

FORD COUNTY

GIBSON CITY—PAXTON—SIBLEY

OLOF P. BARTELSON

is one of the early Swedish settlers in Ford county, coming here in



OLOF PETER BARTELSON

1868 from Döderhult parish, Småland, where he was born June 17, 1838. Upon his arrival in America he settled in Dix township, where he has resided ever since, with the exception of six years spent in Drummer township. His father, Bartel Olson, born in February, 1806, died in Dix township in 1894 at the high age of eighty-eight, and his mother passed away the same year the family reached America. Bartel Olson was the first Swedish settler in Gibson City. Mr. Bartelson's occupation is that of a farmer. With his family he belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church of Farmersville, where he has been a trustee for some fifteen years.

Mr. Bartelson was married in 1864 at Hvena parish, Småland, to Carolina Christina Anderson, daughter of Nils Peter Anderson, a farmer at Östra Hult. Mrs. Bartelson died in 1897, leaving her husband and five children, John Emil, Selma Othilia, Hilma Fredoria, Ephraim Teodor, Ernst Arthur Emanuel, three of their children, Amanda Sophia, Victor Edward and Otto Sigfrid, having died before her. John Emil Bartelson was married April 15, 1903, to Othilia Nelson from Gammalstorp parish, Blekinge, Sweden; Selma Othilia Bartelson in 1898 married C. L. Anderson of Champaign county, and Hilma Fredoria Bartelson married Cornell Oleson of Sibley, Ford county, Feb. 14, 1900.

ISAAC O. BLOOM,

grocer, was born in Nässjö, Småland, Sweden, Feb. 19, 1846. Since July, 1867, when he came to this country, he has been living in Ford county, part of the time in Paxton, before locating at Gibson City.

Mr. Bloom has been a trustee of the Gibson City Building and Loan Association for a long term of years, and has also served as a trustee in the local Swedish Lutheran Church, of which he is a member.

His wife, Ida C., née Magnusson, was born at the city of Jön-

köping in 1859. The pair have four children, Hampton T., Selma C., Herbert L. and May E. From



ISAAC OTTO BLOOM

a former marriage there are three children, Theodore J., a druggist in Texas, George H., shoe dealer, and Linda M., stenographer, both in the home city.

OLIN LARSON,

cigar manufacturer, was born in Toarp parish, Skåne, Sweden, March 21, 1846. Equipped with a common school education he emigrated at the age of 22 and then came to Gibson City, where he has since lived.

He is engaged in the manufacture and sale of cigars, with one of his sons, John O., as associate.

Mr. Larson is married to Ellen Aukney, born in Somerset co., Pa., Sept. 14, 1844. The fruits of this union are four children, the other three being George F., Betty L. and Ada E. George Larson is employed by the telephone company in Hammond, Ind., and the daughter, Ada, is the



OLIN LARSON

wife of Mr. Mullholland of Chicago.

Besides his business in the city, Mr. Larson owns a farm near Gibson City.

SWAN PETERSON,

secretary and manager of the Swan Peterson Floral Company, was born in Norra Strö, Skåne, Sweden, Dec. 29, 1860. April 1, 1880, he landed on American soil and made his home in Gibson City, where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Peterson learned horticulture at Åraslöf, Sweden, under one of the most capable gardeners in that part of the country. He started in business for himself as a florist, continuing alone for many years, until the increase of business prompted him in 1900 to

enlarge his establishment. For that purpose he organized the Swan Peterson Floral Company, with $30,000 capital, of which stock he holds one-third. The present value of the plant is about $40,000. He makes a specialty of violet, carnation and rose culture. Mr. Peterson is the originator of several new varieties of carnations. The company's shipments of flowers and plants cover a wide territory. Their greenhouses comprise 100,000 square feet of glass. Mr. Peterson has a beautiful home on the nursery grounds. He is one of the pillars of the Swedish Lutheran church in the city, having served as a deacon for over 20 years and as Sunday school superintendent for a number of years.

Mrs. Peterson, whose maiden name was Sigrid Molin, was born at Vederslöf, Skåne, Feb. 23, 1867. Their children are Frida M., Anna E., Edith P., Esther L., Freddie S., Linda D., and Freddie E., deceased.

FRANS A. SEASTRAND,

Swedish Lutheran clergyman, was born at Sjöamålen, Askeryd parish, Småland, Sweden, March 8, 1867. Having finished common school in his native place, he worked for a time, partly as a carpenter and partly as a farm laborer. When he came over from the old country in 1887 he located at Marathon, Ia. Here he was employed for two years in the real estate office of C. A. Eckman. After another two years Mr. Seastrand entered Augustana College in 1891. He graduated from the college in 1897 and from the theological



FRANS AUGUST SEASTRAND

seminary in 1901, being ordained to the ministry at the synodical meeting in Jamestown, N. Y., that year. While a student, Rev. Seastrand taught parish school and preached in various places in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan and Massachusetts. After his ordination he assumed pastoral charge of the Swedish Lutheran churches at Gibson City and Sibley, Ill. He removed to another field at New London, Minn., in 1906.

May 14, 1903, Rev. Seastrand's marriage [to Miss Beda Erickson took place at Laurens, Ia.

PAUL GULLANDER,

minister of the Swedish Lutheran Church and former missionary in South Africa is a man of varied experience whose biography, if

given in detail, would take up much space.

He was born at Gullåckra, Brågarp parish, Skåne, Sweden,



PAUL GULLANDER

June 16, 1863. His father, Nils Ericsson, who was a farmer, died when Paul was six years old. There were five other children, Paul being the youngest. He was educated in the common school and after confirmation went to the nearest city, Lund, and began to study privately, under the tutorship of a student of the Carolinian cathedral school, meanwhile coming in contact with the student body of the old university town and joining the local sharpshooters' association.

At about eighteen he was converted and from that time his desire was to work in the interest of Christianity. He began by circulating religious tracts and by bringing little street-urchins into the Sunday school, then a new thing in Lund, which was looked upon with suspicion by conservative churchmen there.

Despairing of ever being able to obtain the education needed for the ministry, the goal of his ambition, Mr. Gullander at the age of nineteen opened a small shoe store in Lund. The business, however, proved unprofitable, entailing losses which it took him several years to make up.

Several weeks each summer Mr. Gullander—a name adapted from his place of birth—spent as colporteur, or traveling preacher and bookseller, in Western Skåne.

In the fall of 1887 Mr. Gullander emigrated to America, whither two brothers had preceeded him. Coming to Chicago, he stopped with Rev. N. M. Liljegren, a Swedish Methodist clergyman, whom he had known intimately in Sweden. On his recommendation Mr. Gullander was enrolled in the Swedish department of the Chicago Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1891.

Soon after he was given the desired opportunity to go as a missionary to the heathen, being sent to South Africa in the spring of 1892 by the Scandinavian Alliance Mission of Chicago. He was stationed at Peter Maritsburg, Natal, for five months, going from there by ox-cart to Swazieland, where the Alliance Mission established its first station, with Rev. Gullander as secretary.

Soon after his arrival in South Africa, Rev. Gullander was

joined by his betrothed, Augusta Eleonora Hultberg, a graduate nurse of the Queen Sophia Home in Stockholm, and they were united in marriage. Within one year the union was dissolved by her death, June 1, 1893. The following August, Rev. Gullander went to Sweden to leave his motherless child in the care of his dead wife's parents in Engelholm.

From Sweden he went for the second time to the United States, intending to enter the Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island to pursue further theological studies. He was graduated and ordained to the ministry in the Augustana Synod in 1896 and accepted a call to Washington Depot, Conn. This seems to have been merely a perfunctory step, for the following November, after less than six months' service we find him on his way to Sweden, intent on a plan to become missionary to the Scandinavians of Johannesburg and the Boer Republic. Through the good offices of influential churchmen there he succeeded in raising by subscription the sum of 6,000 crowns. For the accomplishment of this end he visited many Swedish, Norwegian and Danish bishops, and other influential Scandinavian churchmen, and was also permitted to present his cause at an audience before King Oscar.

Leaving the bulk of the funds in care of Gottfrid Warholm, treasurer of the Lund Mission Society, Rev. Gullander again embarked for South Africa, arriving in Johannesburg March 28, 1898. On Easter Sunday of that year he conducted the first Swedish high mass ever celebrated in Transvaal.

President Kruger himself promised that the Transvaal government would donate real estate for the erection of a Scandinavian Lutheran church, other denominations having been accorded the same generous treatment. But the war with England prevented Kruger from carrying out the promise. Furthermore, the war played havoc with all missionary work in Boer territory. Many of the 1500 odd Scandinavians in Transvaal joined the Boer Army, and the loss of a large percentage of the Scandinavian corps in the battle of Magersfontein struck dismay into the entire Scandinavian colony.

In order to support himself Rev. Gullander for nine months held a position as librarian with the Rose Deep Company, one of the largest gold mining companies in Transvaal, devoting only Sundays to pastoral work. For half a year after the outbreak of the war he was compound manager at the company's mine, his duties consisting in keeping order among the 2,000 native laborers, when not at work in the mine. At one time he had as many as 90 native policemen to assist him in this task.

Feb. 25, 1900, about six months after the outbreak of the war,

Rev. Gullander left Johannesburg for Sweden, going by way of an East African coast line to Suez. From Port Said he made an excursion to the Holy Land, proceeding thence via Gibraltar, Lisbon and Hamburg to Malmö.

After spending the summer in Sweden, Rev. Gullander proceeded to the United States in the early fall. He now entered upon a lecture tour of the Scandinavian settlements, designed to raise money for a church building at Johannesburg, a plan still cherished by him. In furtherance of the same cause Rev. Gullander published and sold 4,000 copies of a pamphlet dealing with mission work in Africa and the Boer War.

The principal literary work of Rev. Gullander is a 264 page volume in Swedish, with additional 80 pages of illustrations, entitled: "Three years in Africa, and Reminiscences of Sweden and of the Holy Land." At present he is engaged in writing another book to be entitled: "The Destinies of a Young Woman."

Nov. 1, 1903, Rev. Gullander took pastoral charge of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Farmersville, near Paxton, Ill.

On June 28, 1905, Rev. Gullander again entered matrimony, his second wife being Esther Elvira, daughter of Dr. E. J. Werner of Rush City, Minn. She is an accomplished singer and musician, who was educated at Gustavus Adolphus College Conservatory and at the time of her marriage held a call to become one of its teachers. A daughter, Aurora Elvira Cecilia, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Gullander in June, 1906. Rev. Gullander's son in the first marriage died in Sweden, aged eight years.

In December, 1907, Rev. Gullander removed to the pastorate at Big Rapids, Michigan.

JOHN F. G. HELMER,

druggist and bookseller, was born at Hjertsbo, Tvered parish, Ves-



JOHN F. G. HELMER

tergötland, Sweden, Nov. 14, 1849, and educated at the Grenna pedagogy and the higher elementary school of Jönköping, 1863–67. In the latter year he came over to America, settling in Paxton, where he has lived ever since. Since 1887, he is the proprietor of a prosperous drug business. Prior to that he worked on various farms in the 60s, then as

clerk for S. D. Cooper, druggist at Paxton. Mr. Helmer is an active member of the Swedish Lutheran Church since 1869 and has served for a number of years as one of the trustees and as treasurer of that board, also as secretary of the congregation. He was clerk of the Paxton Camp of the Modern Woodmen from 1886 to 1902, and is a member of other orders, viz., the Knights of Pythias, Yeoman of America, Odd Fellows and Court of Honor.

In 1876 Mr. Helmer was elected Coroner of Ford county and reelected two years later. In 1880 he was appointed Deputy Circuit Court Clerk and Recorder, serving nearly four years. In 1884 he was elected Circuit Court Clerk and Recorder and reelected in 1888, serving eight years in all. In later years he has served as vice-president of the Carnegie Library of Paxton. Besides Mr. Helmer has filled sundry minor positions of honor and trust not here mentioned.

June 4, 1879, Mr. Helmer was married to Augusta W. Fredrickson, who was born Oct. 1, 1857, at Skymmelsås, Grenna, Småland. Two children have been born to them, viz., a daughter, Cora Otelia, in 1880, deceased, and a son Ralph Anton, in 1885.

GUSTAF EMIL HEMDAHL

was born Jan. 8, 1866, in Skede, Sweden. He came to America in 1880 from his home in Småland, where his father, Anders Peterson, had been superintending an orphans' home. He located at Swede Home, Neb., hired out as



GUSTAF EMIL HEMDAHL

a farm hand and then rented a farm, The years 1886–89 he tried farming in eastern Colorado but the land proving valueless on account of lack of rain he abandoned it. In 1890 he was matriculated as a student at Luther Academy, Wahoo, Neb., and graduated in the spring of 1893. The next fall he entered the freshman class of Augustana College and graduated with the college class of 1897, having spent the school year of 1895–96 at the state University of Nebraska.

At the opening of the school year of 1897–98 he was admitted to Augustana Theological Seminary and graduated from that institution in the spring of 1900, with the degree of B. D. Having received a call from the Swedish Lutheran Church of

Princeton, he was ordained at the annual meetiug of the Augustana Synod at Burlington, Iowa, June 17, 1900. During his pastorate at Princeton, the congregation paid off a $2,700 church debt, raised $4,000 for improvements and increased its list of communicant members by one hundred and fifty.

In July, 1903, he was married to Miss Selma Anderson of Moline, Ill. Miss Anderson was a graduate of Moline High School and Moline Normal School and for six years a teacher in the Moline city schools, also for several years a member of Augustana College Chorus. The family is blessed with a son, Gustaf Reuel.

In 1906 Rev. Hemdahl removed to Paxton, pursuant to a call from the Swedish Lutheran Church of that city. This congregation is now erecting a $30,000 church building.

CHARLES ALBERT LARSON,

engaged in the clothing and furnishing business, was born of Swedish parents in Attica, Ind., Feb. 1, 1859. The family removed to Paxton, where he attended public school, and afterwards was employed in the clothing store opened here by his father, P. Larson. Mr. C. A. Larson is now secretary and treasurer of the P. Larson Company in Paxton and also president of the P. Larson Clothing Company in Gibson City. He is married, his wife, Anna M., being a native of Chicago, where she was born Jan. 5, 1866. They have



CHARLES ALBERT LARSON

three children, named Clarence R. Mabel E. and Grace V. The family belongs to the local Swedish Lutheran Church.

AUGUSTUS J. LAURENCE,

mayor of the city of Paxton, has resided in that city since his emigration in 1869. His father Johan Nilsson, who combined the farmer's occupation with the carpenter's trade, lived in the little town of Grenna, Sweden, where his son, Augustus Laurence, was born Dec. 12, 1849. After his arrival in Paxton he substituted the given name, Laurence, for that of Johnson to avoid confusion. Having reached the age of twenty before coming to America he naturally had enjoyed a common school education in the old country. This was supplemented by

two years of study at Augustana College, then located at Paxton.

In 1875 Mr. Laurence engaged



AUGUSTUS J. LAURENCE

in the dry goods, carpet and shoe business and can now look back upon a successful career of more than a quarter century as one of the leading business men of Paxton.

Having been united in marriage May 28, 1878, to Jennie W. Egnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Egnell of Paxton, Mr. Laurence has a family of four sons and one daughter, viz., Austin Evald, Elmer Theodore, Agnes Ottilia, Victor Emanuel and Albert Fredrick. One daughter is deceased.

Mr. Laurence is a devoted member of the local Swedish Lutheran Church, which he has given many years of service, having been secretary of the congregation for twenty-seven years, of the church council for sixteen years and a member of the board of deacons for twenty-five years.

For a number of years he has been a director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Ford county and was reelected in January, 1907, for three years as a director in the Scandia Life Insurance Company of Chicago. He has served as supervisor of Ford county for ten years. He is a director in the Paxton Chautauqua Association, and a member of the Paxton Club and of the Paxton Retail Association.

In recognition of his sterling citizenship the citizens of Paxton finally conferred upon Mr. Laurence the highest honor within their gift by electing him to the mayoralty. This office he has filled for the past two years.

ERIC P. OLSSON,

minister of the Lutheran Church and for many years pastor of the Swedish Lutheran congregation in Paxton, is a native of the province of Helsingland, where he was born Nov. 24, 1857, at Undersvik. His parents, John Olsson, a farmer, and his wife, Martha Erickson, both died in recent years at Pawnee Rock, Kans.

The family came to America in 1870, living for four years in Pennsylvania before removing to Kansas. After spending about five years on the farm at Pawnee Rock, Eric Peter was sent to school at Rock Island, where he studied during the years 1880–87 at Augustana College and Theological Seminary. Shortly after gradua-

tion in the spring of 1887 he was ordained to the ministry and took charge of a pastorate at Mar-



ERIC PETER OLSSON

quette, Kans. After a year and a half he assumed charge of the church at Paxton, and continued to labor in that historic field from December, 1888, until April, 1906. On a call from the church in Falun, Kans., he now removed there, partly from the necessity of looking after certain important property interests in that locality.

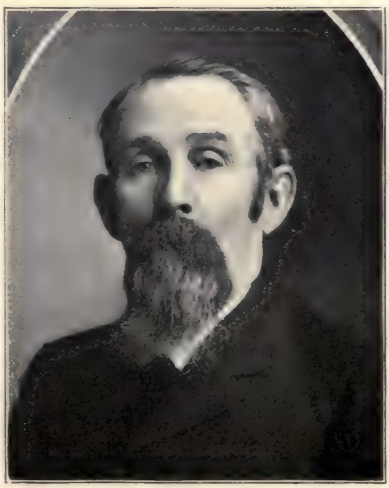
In 1897 the degree of A. M. was conferred upon Rev. Olsson by Bethany College, and in 1901 he received the honorary title of D. D. from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. Olsson has served as president and secretary of the Paxton District of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod. For five years he edited and published *Olive-Bladet*, a local monthly paper in the interest of his church at Paxton. On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the same church he edited a memorial album, containing the history of the Paxton congregation from 1863 to 1903.

Dr. Olsson was married to Miss Esther Thorstenberg May 18, 1893. Mrs. Olsson is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Thorstenberg, well known to the Swedish settlers of Kansas. She was born at Assaria, Kans., Feb. 8, 1871. The union has been blessed with three sons and three daughters, of whom the following are living: Eric Paul Torsten, born 1894, Carl Birger Samuel and Jarl Helge Sigfrid, twins, 1902, and Edla Agnes Marie, 1904.

N. H. PEARSON

was born at Ousby, Skåne, Sweden, Nov. 4, 1843, and reared in



N. H. PEARSON

that locality. In 1867, as a young man of 24, he came to the United

States, locating at Paxton. A carpenter by trade, he here established himself as a building contractor and, as such, has been the architect of his own fortune. Mr. Pearson has put up many of the principal buildings in Paxton, such as the Rodeen Block, the A. J. Laurence Block, the Buggy Factory Block and the Carnegie Library building, besides many of the finest private residences.

He has served as an alderman for eight years and for many years has been a trustee of his church, the Swedish Lutheran.

ANDREW PETERSON,

born at Strö parish, Skåne, Dec. 7, 1864, came over from Sweden in October, 1881. He has a common school education from the old country and attended public school for some time in this country. He has lived for some time at Gibson City and Chicago, respectively, serving as a trustee and Sunday school superintendent of local Swedish Lutheran churches.

Mr. Peterson is a successful horticulturist, owning a greenhouse worth $8,000 in Paxton and one at Hoopeston, valued at $10,000, the latter being one of the finest in the state. He makes a specialty of carnations and roses, and ships flowers to almost every state in the Union and to Canada. Nine years ago he started in as a florist in a humble way at Paxton, but business increased rapidly, necessitating extensions at home and warranting him, three years later, in building a branch establishment larger than the original plant.

April 11, 1896, at Chicago, Mr. Peterson was married to Mathilda Johnson, born in Kalmar, Sweden, Dec. 7, 1861.

SWEN ANDERSON

is one of the most distinguished citizens of the town of Sibley,



SWEN ANDERSON

where he has held many offices of honor and trust, including those of postmaster and president of the village. He was born in the parish of Felestad, near the city of Lund, Sweden, Jan. 6, 1844. He had a common school education in the old country and studied bookkeeping in Lund for a short time. At twenty he came to this country, spending two years in Champaign county, Ill., and one year in Iowa, subsequently settling in Sibley, where he has lived since 1868 and been a dealer in lumber and coal for over twenty years.

Among the other offices he has filled, besides those named above, are the following: school treasurer for 20 years, justice of the peace for 18 years, supervisor, town clerk, assessor, collector, commissioner of highways and village trustee and treasurer. He has been the Ford county member of the Republican State Central Committee for 16 years. In politics he is a Republican and one of the leaders in Ford county.

He helped to organize and has been secretary of the Swedish Lutheran Church since its organization in 1879 and superintendent of its Sunday school for more than twelve years.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Lotta Swenson of Fairbury, Ill., on Christmas day, 1873. To them seven children have been born, five of whom are dead. The living are: Carrie C., and James L., of whom the latter has been educated at Augustana College.

LOUIS T. LARSON,

a prosperous farmer of Sibley, came over from Sweden in 1869 and located first at Gibson City. He was born Nov. 22, 1848, at Broby, Skåne. He is an active member of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Sibley, having served for many years as a deacon and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

He was married at Gibson City in 1880 to Anna Mathilda Nelson from Strö, Skåne. To them ten children have been born, viz., Alfred Theodor, John Arthur, Joseph Lawrence, Anton Leonard, Tyra Elvira, Anna Malinda, Alice Alfrida, living, and Julius, Amos and Mertha, dead.



LOUIS T. LARSON

Mr. Larson's parents were Truls and Nilla Larsson, farmer folk of Broby, and his mother, who is past eighty, is now living with her son on the farm at Sibley.

PETER PEARSON,

farmer, and one of the early settlers here, came over to this country in 1870 as a young man of twenty and located at Sibley from the first. He was born at Näflinge, Skåne, Feb. 27, 1850, and received his schooling in that locality.

Mr. Pearson was one of the founders of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Sibley in 1879. The congregation has 81 communicant members and church property

valued at $2,000. Mr. Pearson has served it as a trustee for a long term of years.

He is married to Elna Olson, born in Åhus parish, Skåne, Feb. 27, 1857. Of seven children born to them, the living are: Fanny Elida, Edgar Lawrence, Emily Dorothy, James Walter and Lillian Virginia; the dead, Alice Nora and Edna Viola.

The father of Mrs. Pearson came over in 1862, located in Chicago, removed to Paxton and lived in Ford county until 1880, then removed to Winthrop, Minn., where he is a well-to-do farmer.



PETER PEARSON

Warren, Mercer, Whiteside, Peoria and Marshall Counties

MONMOUTH—ALEDO—NEW WINDSOR SHERRARD—PROPHETSTOWN PEORIA—WENONA

AUGUST JOHNSON,

minister of the Augustana Synod and for twenty years pastor of



AUGUST JOHNSON

the Swedish Lutheran Church of Monmouth, was born March 15, 1856, in the early Swedish colony of Andover, Ill., where his parents, Anders Johnson and his wife, Stina Greta Monsson, were living on a farm. Both parents are now dead, the father having passed away at Orion, Ill., in 1892 and the mother at Monmouth in 1900. The son, August, was educated at Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island. Just after graduating from the seminary in the spring of 1884 he was ordained to the ministry at a meeting of the Augustana Synod held in the place of his birth. Having accepted a call to become assistant pastor in Andover, he labored in that capacity for three years. In obedience to a call from the Monmouth Swedish Lutheran Church, he came there in 1887, remaining until 1907, when he removed to La Porte, Ind. The Swedish Lutheran Church at that place celebrated its Jubilee in 1907, issuing an illustrated album of which Rev. Johnson was the editor.

In the affairs of the Illinois Conference and of the Augustana Synod Rev. Johnson has constantly evinced great interest and earnest activity. This was recognized in 1907 by his election as vice-president of the Illinois Conference.

June 3, 1886, Rev. Johnson was married at Altona, Ill., to Miss Hannah Larson, born Dec. 30, 1858, the daughter of Peter Larson and his wife Hannah, née Hawkinson. Rev. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of three children, Anna Eveline, born 1887, August Herman, 1890, and Lillian Henrietta, 1893.

OSCAR E. CARLSTRÖM,

attorney at law, was born at New Boston, Ill., July 16, 1878. He

is a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Law at Dixon, Ill., and began law practice at Aledo



OSCAR E. CARLSTRÖM

just after being admitted to the bar in February, 1903.

Aug. 26, 1899, he enlisted for military service in the Philippine Islands, and served in the 39th U. S. V. Inf. until May 6, 1901, when his regiment was mustered out, making fifteen months of service in the Philippines. In the service he advanced to the grade of corporal.

His father, Charles A. Carlström, came to America from Östergötland, Sweden, in 1869, Mrs. Clara Carlström following in 1870.

Mr. Carlström is the junior member of the law firm of Bassett & Carlström, and is the only Swedish lawyer in Mercer county and for many miles outside its boundaries.

The family are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Carlström is affiliated with the A. F. and A. Masonic lodge and the Modern Woodmen.

On Dec. 30, 1903, Attorney Carlström was married to Miss Alma Christine Nissen at Grand Meadow, Minn. Mrs. Carlström's father is a native of Denmark and her mother, of Norway. She is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music at Dixon, Ill. They have a son, Charles Henry, born in 1905.

ALGOT T. LUNDHOLM

was born in Svarttorp, Näshult parish, Sweden, March 21, 1875, and emigrated together with the family in 1884, locating at Win-



ALGOT THEODORE LUNDHOLM

throp, Minn. He attended Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Minn., and was graduated with the class of '99, with the degree of A. B.. Subsequently he pursued divinity studies at

Augustana Theological Seminary, being graduated in 1902 with the degree of B. D. Upon ordination he assumed charge of the Swedish Lutheran congregation of Aledo. In 1906 he removed to St. James, Minn., pursuant to a call from the Swedish Lutheran Church at St. James, Minn.

Rev. Lundholm was married Oct. 29, 1902, to Lydia Maria, daughter of John Olson of Minneapolis, born Jan. 11, 1882, at Nedre Ullerud, Vermland, Sweden. The wedding was celebrated at Winthrop, Minn., where Rev. Lundholm's parents are farmers.

JOHAN G. LINDORFF,

who has been in the hardware business in New Windsor ever since 1872, was born in Långasjö, Småland, Sweden, Oct. 20, 1842. At the age of eighteen he lost his father, Jonas Lindorff, who was a farmer and a selfmade medical practitioner in the country roundabout. The son attended common school at home and later went to Visby, Gotland, where he took a course in a normal school. Aged seventeen, he left home to learn the trade of tinner and copper and sheetiron worker. It was from 1866 to 1868, when he left for America, that Mr. Lindorff lived in Visby. Landing in New York, he was employed in a factory in that city for one year. Proceeding westward, he worked in Chicago for a few months, then lived for a time in Altona before finally locating in New Windsor.

In 1872 he bought out the hardware store of Mr. Olof Frenal. Three years later his brother, Elias Lindorff, joined him as a partner,



JOHAN GUSTAF LINDORFF

and the business was conducted under the firm name of Lindorff Bros. for seventeen years, or until 1892, when the junior partner retired, leaving J. G. Lindorff as sole proprietor. He is still in the business, with a fine stock of hardware, stoves and tinware, and is one of the prosperous merchants of the town.

Mr. Lindorff has served three terms in the aldermanic council, and in 1887 was elected township collector of taxes.

The Lindorff family are all connected with the Swedish Lutheran Church of New Windsor, to which Mr. Lindorff has ever contributed liberally of his time, labor and substance. He is at present chairman of its board of trustees.

Dec. 9, 1871, he was married to Maria Lovisa Wahlberg, who was

born at St. Anna, Östergötland, Dec. 28, 1844, and emigrated in 1870. Their children now living are: O. W. Lindorff, born 1873, doctor of medicine, graduated at Rush Medical College; Blanche A., born 1875, professional nurse, graduated at the Augustana Hospital training school; Esther Ottilia, born 1878, now Mrs. A. W. Anderson; Arthur L., born 1884. They also adopted and raised Tinie Swanson, a cousin of their own children, now Mrs. C. H. Piele.

CHARLES A. SAMUELSON

was born in Haddorp, Sweden, Nov. 18, 1856. He emigrated to this country at the age of 14 and came direct to his brother, Jonas Samuelson, who owned and worked a coal mine near New Windsor, Ill. After four years in the employ of his brother, he bought the coal mine and continued to operate it for a period of three years, when he sold out and engaged in farming. In 1881 he bought a farm near where Sherrard is now located and began farming and stock raising. In 1894, when the coal mines were opened up at Sherrard and the Rock Island & Mercer County Railroad built a branch in there, Mr. Samuelson quit farming and began dealing in lumber, hardware, grain and implements, in which business he is still engaged.

He has served his school district as a trustee for ten years, and has been road commissioner and treasurer of Richland Grove township for twelve years. In 1898 he was elected to the state legislature from the 35th district, com-



CHARLES A. SAMUELSON

prising Mercer, Warren, Henderson and Knox counties, and reelected in 1900. In 1902 he was again elected to the legislature from the new 33d district, comprising Mercer, Henry and Rock Island counties. As such representative he has served his constituents with credit to himself. During the session in 1903 he was appointed by Governor Yates as one of the committee to deliver the five thousand dollars donated by the state of Illinois to the sufferers of Northern Sweden and Finland. He has taken an active part in organizing and maintaining the Swedish-American Republican State League of Illinois, and was its vice-president in 1901. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Swedona and has served the church both as a deacon and

a trustee. He is also a member and one of the directors of the North Star Benefit Association of Moline, Ill., and of the M. W. A. and the K. of P.

Elected mayor of Sherrard in 1905, he was reelected in 1907.

Feb. 27, 1879, he was married to Emma M. Lawson of Swedona, Mercer county. This union has been blessed with six children, of whom only two are now living, Florence and Chester.

A. EDGREN

was born Jan. 3, 1844, in Nedra Ulleryd, Vermland, Sweden. He



A. EDGREN

emigrated to this country in 1870, and was enrolled at Augustana College and Theological Seminary at Paxton. Rev. Edgren was ordained June 29, 1873, in Paxton, and has served the Swedish Lutheran congregations in Aurora, Ill., Ishpeming, Mich., Paxton, Evanston, Summerdale in Chicago, Ophiem and Prophetstown, Ill.

CHARLES VICTOR ENGSTRÖM

was born in Mönsterås parish, Småland, Sweden, Nov. 10, 1854. He was fifteen years old when he came to this country. His first home here was in Galesburg, from which city he, like a number of other Swedish settlers, removed later to Peoria. Here he is now established in business as a dealer in leather and shoe findings.

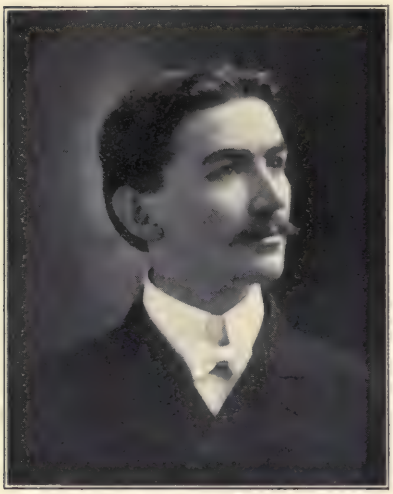
Mr. Engström belongs to the orders of Odd Fellows, Masons and Modern Woodmen, and is the treasurer of the Deaconess Home and Hospital Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Engström, who were married in Chicago Dec. 31, 1879, have four children, Ella V., Roy V., Charles L. and Bessie L. Engström.

AXEL E. ELMQUIST,

pastor of the Swedish Mission Church of Peoria, was born in Elmhult, Småland, Sweden, March 17, 1879. His parents, August and Hedvig Anderson, were farmer folk in the parish of Jersnäs. At twenty-two years of age he emigrated in 1901, going to Brockton, Mass., where he availed himself of the instruction in the Brockton evening school. A year later he entered North Park College and in three years fitted himself for the ministry in the Swedish Mission Church, taking the full course in the theological department. While a student he devoted his vacations to pastoral work in Terre Haute, Ind., Cromwell, Ct., and Marshalltown, Ia. Since his ordination to

the ministry in the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant in June, 1905, he has served the church in Peoria.



AXEL ELIAS ELMQUIST

Rev. Elmquist is a frequent contributor to the Swedish-American press and possesses a graceful literary style and a facile pen. A May-festival address delivered by him at North Park College May 1, 1905, was reproduced and commended by a number of papers here and in the old country.

Nov. 30, 1906, Rev. Elmquist entered matrimony. His bride was Miss Edith Seaholm of Springfield, Mass., born July 15, 1886. A brother of Rev. Elmquist, Arvid G., is pursuing art studies at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, and a sister, Agda C., is a professional nurse.

CARL J. JOHNSON,

pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church, was born in the city of Oskarshamn, Sweden, Dec. 9, 1868. Emigrating in 1882, he came to Lindsborg, Kans. At Bethany College in that city he took up studies, graduating from the commercial department in 1890 and from college in 1896. At Augustana Theological Seminary he fitted himself for the ministry and was ordained at the synodical meeting in Burlington, Iowa, in the early summer of 1900, subsequently taking charge of the Swedish Lutheran congregation in Bloomington, which he served until the spring of 1907, when he became pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Peoria.

Oct. 10, 1900, Rev. Johnson was united in wedlock to Anna



CARL J. JOHNSON

A. Rolander of McPherson, Kans., who was born there Jan. 8, 1875. They have a daughter, Edna.

AXEL J. G. NYSTRÖM

was born in the city of Oskarshamn, Sweden, July 25, 1877.



AXEL J. G. NYSTRÖM

He is the son of Building Contractor Carl Johan Nyström of Peoria and follows the same vocation. With his parents he came to the United States in 1881, growing up and obtaining his education in the public schools of Galesburg and Peoria.

He is a member and steward of the Swedish M. E. Church and has been active in the Epworth League both privately and in an official capacity.

CARL JOHAN NYSTRÖM,

who is a building contractor, having operated for a number of years in the city of Peoria, is a native of Döderhult parish, Småland, Sweden, where he was born Nov. 22, 1849. In July, 1881, he came over from the old country, locating first in Galesburg and finally settling permanently in Peoria.

He is devoted to the Methodist



CARL JOHAN NYSTRÖM

faith and belongs to the local Swedish M. E. Church. In the service of this church his activities are varied including trusteeship, class leadership and superintendency of the Sunday school.

He is married to Susanna Nelson, also of Döderhult parish. Their children are, Carl Oscar Frithiof, Axel J. G., Ella Eugenie, Conrad Fredrick, Esther Susanna and Irene, two of whom are deceased.

OSCAR C. F. NYSTRÖM

was born in Oskarshamn, Sweden, Oct. 20, 1875. With his father, Carl Johan Nyström, and his family, he came to the United States in July, 1881. After attending the public school he finished his education at Hedding College, Abingdon, Ill. Like his

father and a brother, he is a building contractor.

Mr. Nyström is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, giving much of his time to the furtherance of its work. He has served it in various capacities, as president of the Epworth League, superintendent of the Sunday school and steward of the church.



OSCAR CARL FRITHIOF NYSTRÖM



CHARLES OLSON

CHARLES OLSON

was born March 26, 1870, in Sjörup parish, Skåne, Sweden. He left his parental home in 1898, coming to Peoria in April. Having attended public school and obtained other necessary training, he went into the railway service and now holds a position as locomotive engineer.

Mr. Olson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Peoria and of the Locomotive Engineers' Association. In his church he has been elected to the council as a deacon.

His parents, Ola Olson and Elna Nilson, remained in Sweden, where his mother died at the old homestead in June, 1903.

DAVID H. TINGWALL

was born Sept. 7, 1871, at Ingatorp, Småland, Sweden, whence he emigrated in 1893, settling in Peoria. He obtained his education in the Swedish common school and with previous training in handicraft, established himself in this city as a cabinetmaker.

Mr. Tingwall is married to Annie Newman and they have two children, Reinhold and Judith. His parents, Pehr and Lovisa Tingwall are still living at Inga-

torp, where his father is a village storekeeper.

The Tingwall family are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.



DAVID H. TINGWALL



GUSTAF ERIKSON

GUSTAF ERIKSON,

minister of the Augustana Synod of the Lutheran Church, was born on the farm of his father, at Tolsbo, Stora Tuna, Dalarne, Sweden, June 12, 1867. His parents, Erik Hanson and Anna Janson, both died there a few years ago. In his native place he attended the primary and people's schools. Emigrating in 1888, he stopped for three months at Negaunee, Mich., working in a saw-mill and then located at Republic, remaining there until the fall of 1890. While there he worked in the mines, spending his leisure time in private study under the tutorship of A. Forsberg, a mining engineer. At the opening of the school year in 1890 he matriculated at Augustana College. In the fall of 1894 he was enrolled in the Augustana Theological Seminary, graduating in 1897 and being ordained to the ministry in the Augustana Synod the same spring. His first pastoral charge after ordination was the Bethany Swedish Lutheran Church of Wenona, which he still serves, together with the Zion Church of Streator.

Rev. Erikson is the editor of *Betania-Hemmet*, a monthly local church paper, his literary activities, however, have not been confined within this narrow compass. While a student, he evinced ability as a poet, which has been cultivated since, resulting in a large number of poems, mainly religious. In 1906 he published a book entitled "Minnen och Bilder från Hembygden."

Rev. Erikson was united in marriage April 27, 1898, with Miss Marie Ede, daughter of Hokan and Anna Ede of Moline, Ill., born Jan. 14, 1866. Mrs. Erikson died Sept. 8, 1907.

Grundy, La Salle, Livingstone, McLean and Vermilion Counties

MORRIS—LELAND—STREATOR—PONTIAC STRAWN—BLOOMINGTON—HOOPESTON—RANKIN

JONAS O. BACKLUND,

minister of the Swedish Baptist Church, was born in Sörbygden,



JONAS O. BACKLUND

province of Jämtland, Sweden, Sept. 23, 1875. His parents, Anders Backlund aud Brita Catarina Person, who were farmers in that locality are still living. The son emigrated at the age of eighteen, lived at Rush Point, Minn., studied at Carlton College, and then entered the Swedish Academy and Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, Ill., a branch of the University of Chicago, graduating from that institution in 1905, with the bachelor's degree. Twice he received honorable mention as a student and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society of the university. While studying theology at the Swedish divinity school at Morgan Park, Mr. Backlund had pastoral charges at Republic, Mich., White Rock and Red Wing, Minn., and Morris and Evanston, Ill. He has served temporarily as editor of *Baneret*, and is at present instructor in Greek and Latin in Bethel Academy, at Minneapolis. Mr. Backlund's literary ability is shown in contributions to *Hemmets Vän* and other publications.

FRITZ CHARLES NOËL,

editor and part owner of the Leland *Times*, is a native of Stockholm, where his father, Fredrik Adolf Noel, was a manufacturer. The younger Noël was born May 11, 1867, and educated at the Hernösand Seminary, at the elementary school at Ladugårdslandet in Stockholm and at the City of London College.

In 1888 he emigrated, going to Montreal, Canada, where he remained for three years, and began his journalistic career with the Montreal *Herald*. Ten years were next spent in Chicago in the service of the Chicago *Tribune*. Five years ago he removed to Leland and became interested in the local newspaper, the *Times*, the editorship of which he has since as-

sumed. Besides his interest in this paper, he is a member of the Leland Publishing Company, publishers of art calendars for the trade.

Mr. Noël has not held political office, but is active in local political affairs, and that his opinion carries weight may be inferred from the fact that he has been called in as advising member of the County Central Committee.

He is a Lutheran and a member of the Bethany Church, together with his family, consisting of his wife, Martha Audrine, née Klove, whom he married Sept. 18, 1895, and two children, Gladys Josephine, born 1898, and Fredrik Andrew, born 1906.

ALGOT CARLSON,

who conducts a grocery and meat market at Streator, was born in Långemåla parish, Småland, Sweden, Feb. 2, 1851. Twenty years later he came to the United States and lived for some five years in Jamestown before locating permanently here. He has now resided here continuously for thirty years and has been a merchant for twenty-five years. He has been repeatedly elected president of the Scandia Club of Streator, is a prominent member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Maccabees. Confessionally he is a Methodist, belonging to the First American M. E. Church of Streator. Mr. Carlson's parents, Carl Magnus and Lena Kajsa Pehrson, are farmerfolk at Långemåla. Mrs. Carlson is a daughter of John Samuels of Streator, and was born in this city, Nov. 10, 1863. The couple were married



ALGOT CARLSON

Nov. 15, 1879. Mrs. Carlson died April 3, 1903. The following six children have been born to them, viz., Carl A., John E., Oscar A., Linda J., Alma A. and Arthur W., the last named being dead.

HERBERT JULIUS JOHNSON

was born on the farm of his father, Swan P. Johnson, in Lynn township, Henry county, Ill., April 18, 1871. He spent the first twenty years on the farm, attending public school at intervals. His father died at his home near Andover, in 1889, and shortly after that the son entered Augustana College, at Rock Island, where he finished his education. While at college, he took an active part in literary societies, debating clubs and in athletics.

For two years he was a member of the Augustana football eleven.

Mr. Johnson is an ardent Republican, who has shown political



HERBERT JULIUS JOHNSON

activity both locally and in the state at large. For two terms he served on the Henry county central committee. In 1895 he was chosen first assistant enrolling and engrossing clerk of the Illinois state senate. For two years he was appointed assistant anti-trust clerk under the secretary of state.

He was one of the organizers of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois and was elected its president in 1905, serving one year. In 1903 he was elected assistant secretary of the state senate.

In the gubernational campaign of 1904 Mr. Johnson, as one of Roy O. West's aids, was actively engaged in promoting Deneen's candidacy. The following year he was appointed to his present position of chief clerk of the State Reformatory at Pontiac.

As a student and in subsequent years Mr. Johnson lent substantial aid to the work of the Augustana University Association for a greater Augustana, contributing liberally to the cause. From 1893 to 1897 he was financially interested in the Swedish weekly newspaper, *Nya Pressen*, of Moline, removed to Chicago early in 1896 and merged with Fosterlandet, another Swedish weekly, at the end of that year.

On April 30, 1896, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Anna M. Bengston, born Jan. 29, 1870, the daughter of Gustus and Louisa Bengston of Cambridge, Ill. There are two children, a son, Paul Oliver, born in 1897, and a daughter, Gladys Marian, born in 1902.

AUGUST LARSON

was born at Grimeton, Halland, Sweden, Dec. 27, 1866. When he came to the United States in December, 1883, he worked for some time as a coal miner in West Newton, Pa., afterward working on a farm in Indiana until he went to farming on his own account at Strawn.

He belongs to the Swedish Lutheran congregation at Sibley and has served as a deacon of the church for a number of years. He is a member of several lodges, such as the Modern Woodmen, the Royal Neighbors and the American Home Circle.

His wife, Anna Elida Carlson,

was born Dec. 15, 1864, in Småland. Their children are: Elmer Gottfrid, Emma Linnea and Ellen Augusta; in a previous marriage Mr. Larson had five children, viz.: Axel Julius, Carl Hilding Elis, Oscar Wilhelm, Arthur Sigfrid and Roy Bernhard. The eldest son, Axel Julius, was married May 14, 1902, to Tina Larson of Chicago and is employed in that city.



AUGUST LARSON

JOHN BYQVIST,

who is a carpenter contractor by trade, was born and reared in Stenstorp, Vestergötland, Sweden, the date of his birth being July 28, 1858. In 1880 he emigrated to St. Louis, Mo., and later located in Bloomington. He belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church and has served for some time as secretary of the local congregation. He is also a member of the Scandia Aid Society of Bloomington and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

With his wife, Hulda Larson, born Aug. 30, 1859, he has four children: Helena Alfrida, Robert Edmond, Martin Rudolph, and Ellen Monica Cecilia.



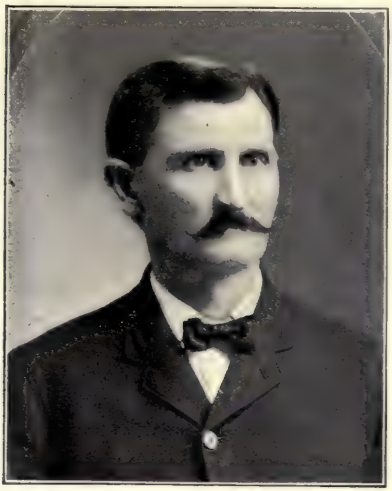
JOHN BYQVIST

CHARLES W. ELFSTRAND,

who has been a letter carrier in the Bloomington postal service for thirteen years, is a native of Sundborn, Dalarne, Sweden, where he was born Feb. 2, 1855.

June 24, 1869, he came to America, and after living for some time in Kewanee, where he obtained his schooling, came to Bloomington, where he has been a resident the greater part of the time since 1873. At first he received employment with the McLean County Coal Company. Later he went to Nebraska with the intention of locating there as a farmer, but the lonely prairies at that time

had no charms for him, so he came back to Bloomington and became a grocery salesman. In



CHARLES W. ELFSTRAND

1893 he was appointed letter carrier for the city.

Mr. Elfstrand is a member of the Scandia Benevolent Society of Bloomington and of the Yeomen of America.

He is married to Josephina Anderson of Cambridge, born in Sweden Dec. 19, 1859, and they have four grown up children, Elmer William, Herbert Grant, Florence Selma Victoria and Ida Josephine.

ALEXANDER G. ERICKSON, grocer and dealer in meats, is one of the prominent citizens of Bloomington. He was born in Målilla parish, Kalmar län, Sweden, July 7, 1863. The family emigrated in 1869, locating at Kewanee and living there for some time before removing to Bloomington. Mr. Erickson acquired his schooling in both places. He was a mail carrier in Bloomington for four years during Harrison's presidential term. The office of president of the Coal Miners' Union was also filled by him. He has served his city in the capacity of alderman from the 7th ward, being elected and reelected on the Republican ticket. On Aug. 21, 1906, he was at a special council meeting elected mayor, to fill out the unexpired term of James S. Neville, deceased.

Mr. Erickson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church, and of the following fraternal and industrial organizations: Modern Woodmen, Improved Order of Red



MR. AND MRS. ALEX. G. ERICKSON

Men, K. of P., A. O. U. W., N. U., Butchers' Union and the Scandia Benevolent Society. He takes a leading part in politics in his home city.

He was married in his home city Aug. 30, 1884, to Maria C.

Ståhlberg, born Jan. 27, 1863, at Sandviken, Sweden. Their children are ten in number, as follows: Elvira C., Edward G., Delia M., Grace A., Lilly T., William A., Roy W., Edna L., Carl Theodor, who is dead, and Lawrence A.

ANDREW FREEDLUND

was born in the city of Grenna, in Småland, Sweden, Aug. 24, 1859, and emigrated at the age of twenty-four, settling first at Gibson City and then at Bloomington. Having received his schooling in the old country, he engaged in the carpenter's trade here and soon established himself as a building contractor. That he is skilled in his line and capable of handling large contracts is evidenced by the city's $20,000 fire station, which was built by Mr. Freedlund.

He is a member of the Modern Woodmen's fraternity.

Mr. Freedlund is married to Christina Johnson, born at Grenna Feb. 3, 1860. The couple have eight children, John Alfred, Charles, Emelie, Arthur, Fanny, Thomas, Bettie and Annie.

GUSTAF J. PETERSON

hails from Grenna, Småland, Sweden. He emigrated to America in 1880, living for some time at Paxton, before he made his home in Bloomington, where he has been in the employ of the Chicago and Alton Railway Company for nearly 25 years. He now holds the position of foreman of carpenters. He is of the Lutheran faith and has served a number of years as trustee and treasurer



GUSTAF J. PETERSON

of the local Swedish Church. He is also a member of the order of Modern Woodmen.

Mr. Peterson was born in Grenna, Nov. 27, 1857. He married Miss Lottie Anderson, born at the same place Dec. 24, 1859, and the couple have two children, Albert Wilhelm and Berenice Josephine.

JOHAN OSCAR TORNBLAD

was born in Stockholm, Sept. 16, 1859, attended the public schools there, was later employed in the bank note printing office of the Swedish riksbank. He left Sweden in 1881, and came to Streator where he lived for five years before removing to Bloomington. In Streator he married Anna Maria Ohman, also from Stockholm, in 1882, and a son, Oscar

Birger, was born to them the following year. The family removed to Bloomington in 1886,



JOHAN OSCAR TORNBLAD

where a daughter, Alfhild Teresia, was born three years years later.

Mr. Tornblad is a carpet salesman by occupation. He is an active member of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of its board of trustees. For some fifteen years past he has been superintendent of its Sunday school.

LARS PETER WALLBERG

was born in Renneslöf parish' Halland, March 30, 1843, whence he emigrated to Bloomington in 1880. He enjoyed a common school education in his native country. He established himself in the mercantile business in Bloomington and is at present the proprietor of a grocery and meat market.

His wife, Karin Wallberg, née Grönquist, was born March 13, 1854, at Ockelbo, Gestrikland, Sweden. They have two children, Grace and Florence, born in Bloomington. The family are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

CHARLES A. ERICKSON

was born near Paxton, Ill., Dec. 8, 1873. In February, 1889 he went from Paxton to Chicago and worked for the next three years as a grocery salesman for Theodore Freeman. After taking a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, he became a bill clerk for Bell, Conrad & Co. and afterward cashier for the Decker



CHARLES A. ERICKSON

& Unrath Packing Co. Being thus employed for three years, he then engaged in the gentlemen's furnishing business on East Division st. in 1897, under the partnership name of Erickson & Swanson. In the spring of 1898 Mr

Erickson removed to Hoopeston and opened another men's clothing and furnishing store under the same firm name.

He is a member of the Ben Hur fraternity and of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Erickson was married in Chicago June 5, 1900, to Miss Anna E. Norbeck of that city.

CHARLES A. PETERSON

was born in the province of Östergötland, Sweden, Jan. 6, 1860.



CHARLES AXEL PETERSON

Coming to this country in 1880 he located first in Chicago, then at Kankakee and finally at Hoopeston. For three years from 1881 he was employed by the North-Western Horse Nail Co. of Chicago, and subsequently by the Superior Horse Nail Co. of Kankakee, remaining with the establishment after it became the property of the Hoopeston Horse Nail Co. in 1897 and up to the present time. Mr. Peterson is now foreman of the factory.

He was married in Chicago May 31, 1890, to Miss Hulda Johnson, who was born in Småland, July 1, 1866, and came with her parents to this country in 1870. The children are four in number: Charlotta, born 1891, Raymond, 1893, Carl, 1895, and Violet, 1901.

The family belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Hoopeston.

PETER N. SWANSON

was born in Hultsjö parish, Småland, Sweden, Jan. 6, 1866. In May, 1883, he came over from Sweden, going to Nalina, Mich., where he went to work for a lumber company, being employed in their sawmill, hotel and store up to 1887. That year he came out



PETER N. SWANSON

of the woods to Chicago and was employed by Henry W. King & Co., a wholesale clothing house, for some four years. In the fall

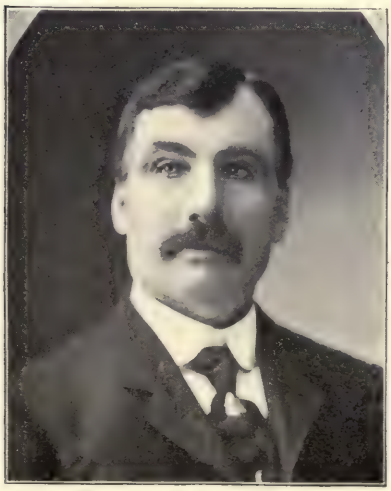
of 1891 he removed to Hartington, Neb., where he opened a retail clothing store. Selling out the business in 1896 he moved back to Chicago. In the spring of 1898 he again left the city and moved to Hoopeston, opening a men's clothing store with Charles A. Erickson, with whom he had been associated in the same line of business in Chicago.

Mr. Swanson is a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the orders of I. O. O. F., M. W. A. and Ben Hur.

In the spring of 1892 he was married to Miss Tillie Erickson of Chicago.

A. G. HAMMARSTRAND

was born in Edsvara, Skaraborgs län, Sweden, April 7, 1857. His



ANDREW GUSTAF HAMMARSTRAND

parents, now dead, were Anders Hammarstrand and Inga Svensson. The son had very little schooling, being compelled by poor circumstances to begin earning his own living in early boyhood. When he reached maturity young Hammarstrand emigrated and came directly to Rankin. After working as a farm hand for three years, near East Lynne, in the same county, he rented a farm and continued as a renter until 1895, when he purchased 160 acres of land near Rankin. Ten years later he added another 80 acre tract to the farm, which is a most valuable one.

March 23, 1880, just before departing from the old country Mr. Hammarstrand wedded Maria Christina Solberg of Qvänum, born July 27, 1851. Seven children have been born to them, as follows, Frank Gustaf Leonard, 1881, John Richard Claude, 1885, Anna Matilda, 1886, Ellen Charlotta, 1888, Harry Wilhelm, 1890, Nettie Alfrida, 1892, Laura Esther Alida, 1896. The eldest son, Frank, after studying in the commercial and collegiate departments at Augustana College, is now preparing for the medical profession, while all the other children remain on the farm.

For more than twenty-five years Mr. Hammarstrand has been a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church and has held the offices of deacon, secretary of the congregation and superintendent of the Sunday school, each for a term of years.

PETER PEARSON

was born at Norra Ströö, Skåne, Sweden, Nov. 5, 1856. In 1880 he came to the United States and

took up his residence in Gibson City, living there for the next eleven years. He was a church



PETER PEARSON

deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school for many years prior to 1892, when he began to prepare for entering the ministry. Beginning his studies in 1893 at the English Lutheran Seminary in Chicago, he continued at Martin Luther College in the same city. Having finished the courses offered he entered Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island. He was ordained at the synodical meeting in Burlington June 17, 1900, having accepted a call from the congregation at Rankin and Clarence, Ill. Rev. Pearson labored at these places with telling results. During his incumbency a parsonage has been built and a church edifice erected in each place.

Of the six brothers of Rev. Pearson, Swan Peterson is engaged in the floral business at Gibson City and Andrew Peterson at Hoopeston, while a third brother is a farmer at Rankin.

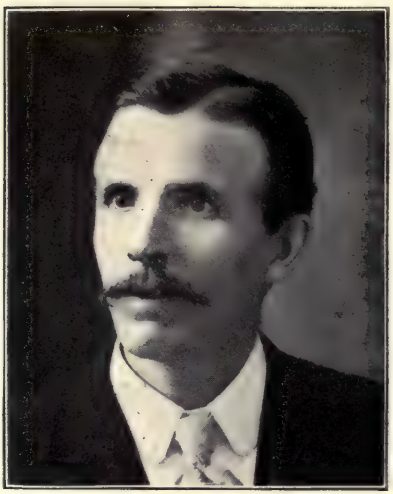
Rev. Pearson was married Sept. 29, 1888, at Chicago to Emma Christina Nelson from Stafnäs, Vermland. Their children are: Mertie Marie, born 1889; Ruth Laura, 1891; Carl Joseph Laurentius, 1893, deceased; Hanna Josefine Olivia, 1895; Paul Rufus Elmer, 1897; May Anna Elizabeth, 1900; Carl Einar Samuel, 1903.

McHENRY, LAKE and WILL COUNTIES

CRYSTAL LAKE—WAUKEGAN—JOLIET

AUGUST CARLSTEDT

was born Oct. 1, 1863, in Sweden, where he received a public school



AUGUST CARLSTEDT

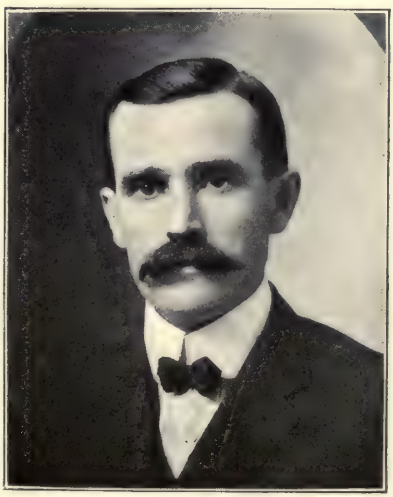
education. In 1888 he emigrated to America and settled in Chicago. In 1895 he went into business as a manufacturer of guitars and mandolins, making high grade instruments known as the Ideal guitars and mandolins. The firm of August Carlstedt & Co. increased their output year by year, so that by 1903 the firm had to secure larger quarters. Mr. Carlstedt bought a property in Crystal Lake, 43 miles northwest of Chicago, and built a factory and residence, where he is prospering.

He was married Feb. 14, 1891, to Alma Anderson. They have a daughter, born Aug. 20, 1892.

The family belongs to the Swedish Mission Church in Crystal Lake.

LOUIS M. EKSTRAND,

mechanical engineer of the American Steel and Wire Company for the Chicago district, is a native of Vermland, Sweden, born at Ransäter Jan. 2, 1864. Having obtained his schooling there, he emigrated at the age of twenty-three, first locating in Worcester, Mass., before taking his present position at Waukegan. Alongside of his technical work, Mr. Ekstrand gives much of his time and energy to his community. He has served for longer or shorter periods in the following capacities: assistant supervisor of the town



LOUIS MAGNUS EKSTRAND

of Waukegan, member of the board of education and chairman of the committee on education in the

County Board, member of the Lake County Republican Central Committee and member of the Republican City Committee.

He is a member of the Swedish Baptist Church of Waukegan and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has served his church for many years as a deacon and chairman of the council.

In 1887 Mr. Ekstrand was married in Worcester, to Kristina Anderson, with whom he has six children: Agnes Maria, Henry Emanuel, Adolf Leroy, Eva Margreta, died in infancy, Ruth Ethel and Louis Kenneth. The family has a comfortable home at 131 Lenox ave.

ERIC O. SCHUGREN,

former pastor of the Swedish Baptist Church of Waukegan, was born



ERIC O SCHUGREN

in Sweden May 3, 1874, his birthplace being Hassela, Helsingland. He came to this country in July, 1892, as a youth of eighteen, living first in Isanti county, Minn. After attending the South Dakota State University, he came to Chicago to study theology, entering the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary at Morgan Park. From this institution he was graduated May 14, 1902, and shortly after ordained minister, taking charge of the Waukegan Swedish Baptist Church.

He is now a missionary in the Vinukonda Nilgiri district, Coonoor, India.

CARL JOHAN KARL,

minister of the Augustana Synod of the Lutheran Church, was born in Rockford Feb. 12, 1871. His father was Rev. Johannes Magnus Nelson, who, after studying at Vexiö, Sweden, and Paxton, Ill., was ordained to the ministry and served the church at Pecatonica, Ill., where he died. The widow is still living at Sacred Heart, Minn.

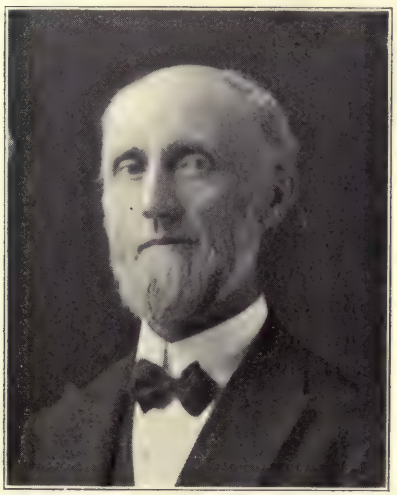
The son, Carl Johan, was reared at Pecatonica and Rockford. After attending the public schools, he entered the academic department at Augustana College, passing successive classes as rapidly as possible under the necessity of "staying out" for a school year now and then to earn his way. He graduated with the college class of 1900, entered the theological seminary of the same institution and, completing the course in 1903, was ordained at Paxton, whereupon he assumed charge of the Waukegan pastorate. There he

labored until the fall of 1906, when he removed to Clarkfield, Minn., on a call from the church at that place.

May 25, 1904, Rev. Karl was married to Miss Emily Johnson, a daughter of O. H. Johnson of Assaria, Kans., born June 20, 1879. They have a daughter, Irene, born in April, 1905.

JOHN BERNT ANDERSON

was born in Vestra Hed, Weddige, Halland, June 1, 1846. He came



JOHN BERNT ANDERSON

from Sweden in June, 1869, locating at Batavia, Ill. In 1871 he went to Chicago and worked as a carpenter until the following year, when he entered the Swedish Methodist theological school at Galva, Ill. After the institution had removed to Evanston, he continued there from 1874 to 1876, pursuing studies also at the Northwestern Academy. After graduation he joined the Central Illinois M. E. Conference at its meeting in Pekin, in the fall of 1876 and was then appointed to take up work in Clay Centre and Randolph, Kansas. He remained there for two years. In the fall of 1878, Rev. Anderson was transferred to Scandia, Kansas, upon being taken into full connection in the Northwestern Swedish Conference. Subsequently he has had pastoral appointments as follows: Victoria, Ill., 1880; Oakland, Neb., 1883; Stromsburg and Swede Plains, Neb., 1886; Saronville, Neb., 1887; Geneva and Batavia, Ill., 1890; Humboldt Park, Chicago, 1892; Melrose Park, 1894; Forest Glen, Chicago, 1896; Emanuel Church, Chicago, 1897; Joliet, 1900, Kingsburg, Cal. He is now stationed at Pasadena, Cal., 1907. Rev. Anderson has actively encouraged the building of churches and parsonages and the general rehabilitation of church property wherever found necessary.

While stationed at Clay Centre he was married to Miss Minnie Danielson of that place. The union has been blessed with two children, Orville Warren and Jennie Mabel.

JOHN L. CARLSON,

proprietor of the Seltzer Drug Store, was born in Målilla, Sweden, March 24, 1868. He has been in the drug business from his boyhood, having begun working in a pharmacy in Sweden at the age of fourteen. Coming to America in 1884, he was em-

ployed by druggists first in Rockford, then in Chicago. After a few years he went to Joliet where



JOHN L. CARLSON

he has been located for more than sixteen years. He is a graduate of the Illinois College of Pharmacy of the Northwestern University.

Aside from his business in Joliet, Mr. Carlson is interested in Ross, Flowers and Co., manufacturing chemists of Chicago, and president of the company. He is also a director of the Will County National Bank of Joliet.

For a long term of years Mr. Carlson has served as a member of the board of supervisors of Will county. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, the Knights Templar and the Mystic Shrine.

PETER E. HOLMSTROM was born at Gårdby on the Swedish island of Öland, Oct. 3, 1861. Twenty years later he emigrated to the United States, locating at Joliet, Will county, Illinois. He is



PETER E. HOLMSTROM

engaged in the grocery business, at which he has been fairly successful. In religion he is a Lutheran and has served as trustee of the local Swedish Church for a number of years.

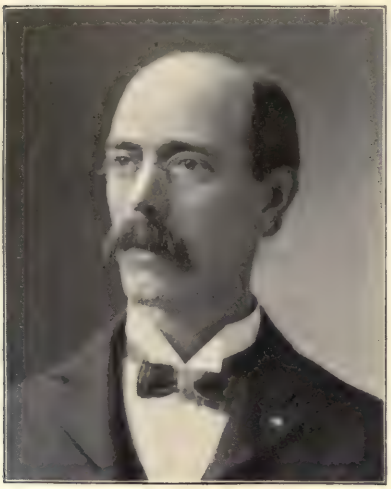
Active in the local political circles, Mr. Holmstrom has served as assistant supervisor and town collector and also member of the township high school board.

He is a director in the Citizens' National Bank and has served as director and treasurer for a number of years for the Swedish Lutheran Orphans Home at Joliet.

In 1887, Mr. Holmstrom took in marriage Miss Alma Swanson. The couple have a family of six children, equally divided between the sexes.

FRANK HUBENET

was born in Njurunda parish, Vesternorrland, Sweden, Dec. 30,



FRANK HUBENET

1862. His parents were Lars Wilhelm Hybinette, a blacksmith by trade, and Ulrika Eleonora Kjellberg. The father died in March, 1903, after having undergone a surgical operation at the city hospital at Sundsvall. Young Hubenet was educated in the common schools up to his 19th year, when he left his parental home and came over to this country, locating in Joliet. Here he has lived ever since, excepting the winters of 1885 and 1886 which he spent working in the pineries of Michigan. In 1890, Mr. Hubenet, as he now writes his name, established himself as a coal merchant, having been bookkeeper in a coal office for three years. Prior to that he was employed in the stone quarries at Joliet—from 1882.

Mr. Hubenet has been active for years in fraternal and church circles. He has served as trustee of the Swedish Lutheran Church since 1888. He has served as secretary of the local garrison of the Knights of the Globe, and is past astronomer of the local observatory of the North Star Benefit Association and chief conductor of its grand observatory. From 1895 to 1901 he was president of the Swedish-American Republican Club of Joliet, and in 1900 he was chosen vice-president for Will county of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois. From 1898 to 1903 he served as oil inspector for the township of Joliet and was special agent of statistics of manufacture for the United States census of 1890 and again in 1900.

Sept. 27, 1890, Mr. Hubenet was married to Miss Ellen Anderson. He is the father of ten children, four sons and six daughters, to wit: Will Waldemar, born 1891; Edith Elenora, 1893; Elna Ulrika, 1894; Ebba Henrietta, 1895; Blenda Linnea, 1897; Grant Torsten and Leif Lincoln, 1899; Viola Victoria, 1901; Ruby Ingeborg, 1904, and Grant Lincoln, 1906. Elna, Grant and Leif are dead. Mrs. Hubenet died Nov. 17, 1906.

ALBIN AUGUST JACOBSON,

pastor of the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran Church at Joliet, is a native of Säby, Småland, Sweden, where he was born March 1, 1874.

At the age of thirteen he came in 1887 to the United States. He lived in Chicago until 1891,



ALBIN AUGUST JACOBSON

when he went to Rock Island to enter Augustana College. Having graduated in the college department with the class of '98, he entered the theological seminary and completed the presented courses in 1901, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He received ministerial ordination at the synodical meeting at Jamestown that year, whereupon he served the churches at Eau Claire and Levis, Wis. In July, 1903, he was called to the pastorate in Joliet, and entered upon his new duties the following November.

Rev. Jacobson was married Dec. 9, 1903, to Miss Bertha Thorsson, daughter of M. Thorsson of Chicago, and a former teacher in the Chicago public schools. Rev. Jacobson's father, August Jacobson, is still a Chicago resident.

Rev. Jacobson is an energetic pastor, and a man who does not limit his activities to the local field. He has actively interested himself in the welfare of the orphanage and home for the aged of the Illinois Conference, located just outside of the city of Joliet and was one of the chief workers in behalf of the new Salem Home for the Aged recently established alongside of the orphanage. He is president of the board of directors of Salem Home and is a member of the board of directors of the orphanage.

CARL M. LINDVALL

is a native of the city of Jönköping, Sweden, where he was born



CARL MAGNUS LINDVALL

Sept. 30, 1874. His parents, Capt. C. A. Lindvall and his wife, Wilma, are now residing at Moboda, Småland. The son was sent to the Vexiö gymnasium, which he left in 1891 to take up the

study of pharmacy. He was first employed by an apothecary at Lund, and having learned the science of compounding and dispensing drugs at the Pharmaceutical Institute in Stockholm, held positions as a druggist in the cities of Ulricehamn, Hernösand, Gefle, Stockholm and Göteborg. In 1900 he emigrated, arriving in America on his birthday. He went to Chicago and later to Rockford and located in Joliet in 1902, engaging in the drug business on his own account April 1.

Sept. 2, 1903, Mr. Lindvall was married to Alma Lundgren from Göteborg.

He is an active fraternity man, holding membership in the A. F. and A. M., the Svithiod Order, the N. A. R. D., the N. S. B. A., and the Nordstjernan lodge.

CHARLES A. LARSON

was born in the Carl Gustaf parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, July 14, 1862, and has resided in Joliet since 1880, the year of his emigration. He was educated at Prof. Russell's Business College, and in 1882 obtained employment with the hardware firm of Strong, Bush & Handwerk, remaining with that house for twenty years. In 1902 he formed a partnership with Mr. N. Benson and opened a hardware store at 801 Cass st., under the firm name of Larson & Benson.

A Lutheran in faith, Mr. Larson has served the local Swedish Lutheran Church in the capacity of trustee and treasurer. In 1899 he held the office of town collector. He is a member of several fraternal and benevolent societies, including the North Star and the Knights of the Globe.



CHARLES A. LARSON

Mr. Larson is married to Wilhelmina Sophia Jonson, who hails from the city of Oskarshamn. To them have been born two sons, Harry E. and Milton A. Larson.

ANDREW A. NORDSTEDT

was born at Bro parish, Westmanland, Sweden. Jan. 7, 1865. He early began to work as a factory hand in his native place. Coming over to this country in April, 1886, he obtained employment with the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Co. in Worcester, Mass. and remained there until 1888. When the Illinois Steel Company's rod mill at Joliet was completed he there secured a better paid job as rod roller, his residence in Joliet dating from May 25, 1888. Having steadily

worked his way up Mr. Nordstedt is now superintendent of the rod mill at a handsome salary.



ANDREW AUGUST NORDSTEDT

He is not affiliated with any church but holds membership in the Knights of the Globe, the North Star Benefit Association and a number of other fraternal orders.

On Sept. 6, 1890, Mr. Nordstedt was married to Selma Emilia Norberg and the pair has been blessed with three sons, Einar, Gardner and Grant.

C. OSCAR SVENSON

was born April 3, 1857, in Oskarshamn, Sweden. His parents were Carl Johan Alfred and Christine Svenson. After acquiring a high school education he learned the trade of wood-turning under his father's instruction. Four years were spent in clerking for his father, who had become a merchant. After running a stage line for a time, the son built the King Oscar hotel, which he sold after leasing it for a period.

Mr. Svenson emigrated to this country in May, 1887, and settled in Joliet. For a year he worked at carpentry, and then resumed his old trade of wood-turning. He continued in this vocation until December, 1894, when he accepted an appointment as deputy county clerk and has since retained this position.

Dec. 1, 1888, Mr. Svenson was united in marriage with Mrs. Ida Charlotte Hedlund, née Jacobson. Their children are: C. Oscar, Jr.,



C. OSCAR SVENSON

Emily Olivia, Knut Ahlvin and Esther Victoria.

CHARLES G. TENGDIN,

chief engineer of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, was born in the city of Linköping, Sweden, Oct. 14, 1862. He was educated in Swedish public and private

schools. Coming to this country in the year 1883, he located at Joliet. Success has crowned his



CHARLES G. TENGDIN

endeavors and he is now one of the prosperous and highly respected citizens of that city. Besides being chief engineer of the great penal institution, he is financially interested in an industrial enterprise, known as the Merchants' Stone Company, holding the office of secretary of the corporation. They operate two quarries and a stone saw-mill, employing altogether some forty men.

Mr. Tengdin has long served as trustee of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Joliet, and president of the local Swedish Republican Club. He is a member of the National Engineers' Association and has held the office of vice-president of the local lodge. He is also a member of Mt. Joliet lodge No. 42, A. F. and A. M.

In 1888 he was married to Anna Sophia Johnson, and the issue of their union is a family of three sons and five daughters.

SWAN H. NEWMAN

was born Sept. 27, 1862, in Jemshög, Blekinge, Sweden. His mother died when he was six years of age and when he was thirteen, his father, Håkan Håkanson Newman, went to America. A short time after the father had left, Swan was sold at public auction to the lowest bidder and Jöns Jönsson in Gränum bought him to care for him until confirmed, the buyer receiving from the community the amount of his



SWAN H. NEWMAN

bid toward the support of the child. In 1879 his father sent tickets for Swan and four sisters to come over to this country. They came to Assaria, Kansas, where he subsequently worked as clerk and carpenter. In the fall

of 1884 he was matriculated as a student in Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans. After completing the academic course, he went to Augustana College and Theological Seminary in 1887. Graduating from the seminary in 1895, he was ordained the same year at the synodical meeting in June. He was called to the Swedish Lutheran Church at McKeesport, Pa., where he labored nearly three years, removing from there in 1898 to Lockport. In 1898–1902 he edited a local church paper by the name of *Concordia*, and in 1901 published in Swedish a history of "The Swedes of Lockport and their work."

On Sept. 5, 1895, he was married to Miss Anna Augusta Anderson from New Carlisle, Ind. They have five children, Esther Dorothea, Sven Theodore, Emil Emanuel, David Nathaniel, and Albert Luther.

Rev. Newman in 1904 gave up his charge at Lockport and removed to Burnside, Ia., taking charge of the Swedish Lutheran congregation in that place.

JOEL S. JOHNSON

was born at Norra Vram, in the Swedish province of Skåne, Feb. 16, 1876. Emigrating in November, 1893, he came to Elkhart, Ill., to live with his uncle, who owns a farm. After three years he removed to Athens, Ill., and there preached his first sermon. Entering North Park College, Chicago, he was graduated from that institution in 1902. Thereupon he entered the service of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant as a regular pastor and



JOEL S. JOHNSON

was stationed at Lockport, where he had served the Mission Church as a student for several years prior to his ordination.

Recently, Rev. Johnson resolved to take up work in the heathen mission field, and was sent as a missionary to China.

COOK COUNTY

(OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO)

BERWYN—CHICAGO HEIGHTS—EVANSTON—LEMONT—MAYWOOD—MELROSE PARK—OAK PARK

ANDREW ANDERSON,

watchmaker, was born in Germundslycke, Halltorp, Småland,



ANDREW ANDERSON

Nov. 16, 1851. He learned the watchmaker's trade by apprenticeship in Kalmar and Upsala for five years, afterward going into business for himself at Mörbylånga, Öland, where he remained for nine years, and at Ekenäs, Småland, four years, until he emigrated from Sweden in August, 1887. Coming to Chicago he was employed as a watchmaker and jeweler by B. F. Clettenberg & Co. and W. G. Morris for different periods up to May, 1896. Then he established himself as a watchmaker and jeweler, doing business for four years in the city proper and after that time in the suburb of Berwyn.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Berwyn and has served on its board of deacons for a number of years. He is an ardent temperance worker in the ranks of the I. O. G. T. and the Templars of Temperance, and president of the sick benefit society of that organization; also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has served as president of the Independent Political Club of Berwyn.

FRITZ N. ANDRÉN

was born in Skåne, Sweden, June 29, 1862. He is a son of Rev. O. C. T. Andrén, a pioneer clergyman of the Swedish Lutheran Church of America, who returned to Sweden and was rector of the parish of Asarum, Blekinge, until his death, which occurred June 11, 1870.

The son completed six classes in the higher elementary school of Jönköping and completed his college course at Augustana College, Rock Island, after coming to this country in 1880. Mr. Andrén located in Chicago, where for seven years he was bookkeeper with Engberg & Holmberg, publishers and booksellers.

For the past 16 years Mr. Andrén has been with the Chicago office of the Phoenix Insurance



FRITZ NATHANAEL ANDRÉN

Company of Hartford, Conn., and holds the position of cashier.

He is an active churchman and has served for three years as deacon and choir leader of the Augustana Church of Berwyn.

For four years he was a member of Company B, 2d Regiment of the Illinois National Guards.

On May 4, 1887, Mr. Andrén married Olga Charlotta Wickstrom of La Porte, Ind., born Jan. 14, 1863. They have two sons and two daughters, Amalia, Olof, Ebba and Carl.

HERMAN CATHONY

was born in Bredaryd parish, Småland, Sweden, May 23, 1875, and and came to the United States in 1893 as a young man of eighteen, equipped with the education afforded by the Swedish common schools. Having learned the painter's trade from his father, he took up that occupation. During his first four years in Chicago he was employed by Thybony & Johnson and other firms as interior decorator. In 1897 he started in business for himself in Berwyn, where he has a store and does contract work in painting and decorator.

Mr. Cathony is a member of the Swedish Luth. Augustana Church and has served as trustee and treasurer since 1901. He is also



HERMAN CATHONY

treasurer of the Temperance society of the Chicago district.

CHARLES J. FAIRVALLEY

was born in Fagerhult parish, Småland, Sweden, Nov. 7, 1860, and came to this country in 1887, after having been educated in the common schools and at a military academy in the land of his birth. He has served as a police officer in Cicero for four years and sub-

sequently as village marshal of Berwyn and a constable of Cook county.



CHARLES JOHN FAIRVALLEY

Prior to going on the police force he was engaged in the building trade, doing business in that line in the suburbs west for four years.

Mr. Fairvalley is a member and deacon of the Swedish Baptist Church of Berwyn and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, having served as clerk of the local camp.

He is married and has four children, Alma E. V., Agnes J. R., Frances J. T. and Joseph H.

JOHN A. JOHNSON,

minister of the Swedish Baptist Church, was born in Runsten parish, Öland, Sweden, June 4, 1874. In 1893 he emigrated, and lived for six years in Ida Grove, Iowa. Harboring a desire to become a minister of the Gospel, Mr. Johnson in 1899 came to Chicago and took up the study of theology at the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary in connection with the University of Chicago. After four years spent at the seminary in Morgan Park he was graduated as a candidate for the ministry, and upon being duly ordained, took pastoral charge of the Swedish Baptist Church of Berwyn. This church was organized in 1895 and now numbers about one hundred members. Rev. Johnson served this church for one year, after which he removed to Gard-



JOHN A. JOHNSON

ner, Mass., being succeeded at Berwyn by Rev. Eric Carlson.

SVEN A. JOHNSON

was born in Harplinge parish, Halland, Sweden, May 12, 1854. Emigrating in 1881, he came to Chicago. He is a furnituremaker by trade and has been in the em-

ploy of the Fair for a long term of years.

In 1890 he removed to the sub-



SVEN ARON JOHNSON

urb of Berwyn. There he has been an active churchman. When the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Church was organized in 1898 he became a member of the church council and has served ever since as vice-chairman of the board of deacons. For the same length of time Mr. Johnson has served as the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Johnson was married Sept. 11, 1886, to Miss Emma Johnson. The union was dissolved by the death of Mrs. Johnson early in 1894. The children of this marriage are, Birdie, Blanche and Sunny. Sept. 16, 1894, he married his present wife, whose maiden name was Hulda Charlotta Rydelius.

Mr. Johnson is affiliated with the Royal League and the Royal Circle.

GUSTAF JÖRANSON

was born March 13, 1868, in Nykroppa, Vermland, Sweden, and obtained a common school education in his home district.

In 1887 he came to Chicago, direct from the old country, and here went to work as a machinist. Mr. Jöranson is now engaged with A. Schauble & Co., Barrington, Ill., in the manufacture of gas and gasoline engines. He has secured several patents on some of the best gasoline engines now in the market.

Mr. Jöranson belongs to the



GUSTAF JÖRANSON

Modern Woodmen of America and resides in Berwyn, Ill.

FRANS E. LINDBLOM

was born Jan. 16, 1865, in Delebo, Maderjö parish, Småland. From Sweden he came to this country in April, 1888. A situation was soon obtained in the factory of W. W. Kimball Piano Co., where

he acquired a knowledge of all the details of piano-making. In the meantime he attended night



FRANS EMERICK LINDBLOM

school. Subsequently he worked in the Hallet C. Davis piano factory for a period. In company with W. H. Burns he started the Yueill-Lindblom Piano Co. At that time he superintended a department in the Schumann piano factory until they removed from Chicago. At present he makes the F. E. Lindblom pianos at Berwyn, Ill. He also has charge of a department in the Strohber piano factory.

Mr. Lindblom belongs to the Sw. Luth. Zion Church at Berwyn.

CHARLES E. LINDGREN

was born July 10, 1857, in Torsåker, Gestrikland, Sweden. His father was a miller in Hedemora until 1869, when he emigrated to South America. The family, consisting of C. E. Lindgren, then a boy of 12 years, his four younger brothers and their mother, were left to care for themselves. For three years they occasionally had word from their father, but after that he was never heard from.

In 1886 he emigrated to the United States and located in Chicago. He at once secured work at his trade, that of a machinist. The first three winters in Chicago he attended the evening sessions at the Froebel School, in order to acquire a knowledge of the English language. For the past 6 years he has been an employee of the Union Horse Nail Co.

He is a member and a deacon of the Swedish Baptist Church of



CHARLES E. LINDGREN

Berwyn, where he has resided since 1894.

On Jan. 16, 1884, C. E. Lindgren married a native of Vermland, with whom he has had six children, five of whom are living.

FRANK L. MALMSTEDT,

real estate dealer, was born in Norrköping, Sweden, Dec. 10,



FRANK L. MALMSTEDT

1848. He left home when a boy. Realizing the need of an education, he took a four years' course in a school in Copenhagen, Denmark, and was graduated. He went from Stockholm to this country and to Chicago in 1881.

Mr. Malmstedt is actually the father of Berwyn, which was laid out and founded by him. He has laid out a number of town sites in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Florida, and for the past five years he was employed by the East Chicago Company, which is building the new cities of East Chicago and Indiana Harbor.

In April, 1807, he was appointed superintendent of Berwyn, the office he now holds.

Mr. Malmstedt has held different offices in the Methodist Church and of various societies of which he is a member, and has been a member of the board of education in the school district No. 100.

He has traveled extensively in Europe and other parts of the world, He is a good public speaker and has a facile pen, as shown in numerous contributions to newspapers and periodicals, especially *Svenska Amerikanaren* of Chicago.

Nov. 23, 1883, Mr. Malmstedt was married to a German lady, with whom he has had three sons: Philip W., George A. and Arthur L., the youngest having been accidentally killed in 1903 at the age of sixteen.

CHARLES M. MOLINE

was born at Torslunda, Småland, Sweden, June 24, 1875. He came



CHARLES M. MOLINE

to this country in 1893 and has been a resident of Chicago and Berwyn since that time.

Having had his schooling in Sweden, he went to work imme-

diately on coming here. Mr. Moline served for one year on the police force and for a time was a member of the volunteer fire department. Later he established himself as a dealer in ice and coal, continuing in that line of business in Berwyn up to the present.

Mr. Moline in 1903 was elected a trustee of the village. He is a member of the Augustana Swedish Lutheran Church, of the Royal League and of the Härolden Temperance Society, having served as president of the latter.

ANDREW M. NELSON

was born July 28, 1859, on the Spjuthult estate in Hjorted par-



ANDREW M. NELSON

ish, Småland, Sweden. He obtained a public school education in his native land.

In May, 1879, he came to this country, stopping first in New York City. He later removed to Chicago. At present he resides in Berwyn, where he prospers in business as the proproprietor of a laundry.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the First M. E. Church of Berwyn. He holds a membership in Harmony Lodge No. 110, Knights of Pythias, in which he has held every office from inner guard to president.

CARL H. PETERSON

was born in Chicago Nov. 9, 1872. He was educated in the public



CARL H. PETERSON

schools and in the Chicago Manual Training School.

Mr. Peterson is a mechanical engineer and superintendent. His office is at 623, 9 Jackson boulevard, Chicago, and his residence is at Berwyn.

He takes an active interest in municipal matters, and has served one term as a trustee on the village board.

Mr. Peterson is a member of the Swedish Baptist Church in Berwyn and has served as chorister and church clerk. He was a member of the music committee of the male chorus Sångarbröder, affiliating with the Swedish Baptist Church in Illinois. He was president of the Jubilee Chorus at the Golden Jubilee (1902) of the Swedish Baptist Church of America. Later he was the president of the United Swedish Choirs of Chicago, whose concert on April 4, 1903, was brought to so successful an issue that 14,000 kronor were sent to the Swedish Famine Relief Fund.

CHARLES ADAMS

was born May 15, 1859, in the parish of Ram, Vermland, Sweden. His parents are Adam Svenson, a blaster at Lesjöfors Iron Works, and Anna Carolina Svenson. Mr. Adams, following in his father's footsteps, acquired skill as a machinist. As such he had no difficulty in obtaining a situation when he came over to this country in 1880. He was first employed at Fort Scott, Kan., working there as a machinist for 12 years in the Walburn & Swanson machine works and foundry. He is still in the service of the same concern, now the American Foundry and Machine Co., holding the position of foreman of the machine shop. He has erected machines for the company in all the southern and many of the western states.

Mr. Adams was married in 1883, at Fort Scott, to Miss Augusta Peterson from Nerike. Their children are Nettie and Edith.

Mr. Adams belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Independent Order of Svithiod.

P. OLOF I. BERSELL

minister of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod, was born at



PETRUS OLOF IMMANUEL BERSELL

Rock Island, Ill., May 6, 1882, his parents being Prof. A. O. Bersell, deceased, and Uma Botilda, née Lagerlund.

After completing six grades of the public school he was enrolled as a student at the academic department of Augustana College in 1892, and graduated from college, with the bachelor's degree, in 1899. Four years later he entered the divinity school of the same institution, graduating in the spring of 1906 with the degree of B. D. At the annual meeting of the Augustana Synod, held

shortly afterward, he was ordained to the ministry and assumed charge of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church at Chicago Heights, to which he had been called.

While a student, Bersell taught parochial school in a number of localities in the central West. During the school year of 1899—1900 he was instructor in Greek and other subjects at Luther Academy, at Wahoo, Neb. During the next two years he taught public school in Yalmar, Mich., also preaching in the mission field of the Illinois Conference in Northern Michigan. For one year, 1904–5, Mr. Bersell was instructor in United States History at Augustana College. He was president of the graduating class of the Augustana Theological Seminary in 1906.

CARL G. CARLSON

was born Nov. 17, 1855, in Fridene parish, Vestergötland, Sweden, where his parents, Carl Peter and Anna Lisa Johnson, still have their home.

In 1886 he emigrated to America, locating in Minneapolis. After a short stay he moved to St. Paul, and from there to Chicago Heights, his present place of residence.

Since he came to this country Mr. Carlson has been mostly employed in piano factories. He also worked for the Chicago Coffin Co., and has been foreman at the Earhuff Piano Factory in St. Paul, Minn. At present he holds the foremanship in the trimming department at the Baldwin piano factory in Chicago Heights.

Mr. Carlson is a very active



CARL GUSTAF CARLSON

member in the Swedish Mission Church of Chicago Heights, now serving as a deacon.

In 1880 Mr. Carlson was married to Miss Justina Carlson, born April 27, 1857. Their children are: Edla Kardula, Oscar Wilhelm, Anna Emabel and Signe Frances Eula.

CHARLES CHAMPENE

was born June 22, 1866, in Skållerud parish, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, and there obtained a common school education. In 1886 he came to the United States, intending to settle in New Haven, Conn., but after a five weeks' stay he left for Chicago. He lived eight years in that city, after which he moved to Chicago Heights. There he has been employed as a roller

in the plant of the Inland Steel Co. for more than ten years.

Mr. Champene is a member of



CHARLES CHAMPENE

the Lutheran Church, and also belongs to Svithiod Lodge No. 1, I. O. S.

In 1891 he married Miss Maria Stacke. They have three children, all boys.

CHARLES P. JOHNSON

was born Jan. 26, 1863, in Fernebo parish, Vermland. He left Sweden in 1886 and on reaching this country settled first in McKeesport, then in Chicago and finally in Chicago Heights. There Mr. Johnson holds the position of foreman of coremakers in the plant of the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Co. He was formerly employed by the Calumet Foundry Co. in Englewood.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Swedish Mission Church.

His wife is Albertina Carolina, née Råbock, born Aug. 19, 1866, in Vestervik, Småland, where her father was a lumber merchant.



CHARLES P. JOHNSON

Their children are, Arthur C., Florence E. C., Mabel L. and Nimrod C. H.

FRANK JOHNSON

was born Jan. 25, 1857, in Ljusnaberg parish, Örebro län, Sweden. His parents were Frans Johnson, a miner from Nya Kopparberget, and Lovisa Johnson.

After attending the public schools in his native land he emigrated to this western Land of Promise in 1881. His first home was at Norway, Mich., where he worked in the mines for ten years. Leaving for Aurora, Ill., he secured employment as a machinist successively with Hoyt Bros., the Hercules Ice Co. and the Aurora Automatic Co. At present he is a machinist with the American

Brake Shoe and Foundry Co. at Chicago Heights.

Mrs. Mathilda Albertina Johnson, his wife, was born 1859 in Hjulsjö parish, Örebro län. They have four children, Hilda Olivia, Johanna Maria, Ettie Alida and Frank Oscar.

The family attend the Swedish Lutheran Church at Chicago Heights.

CARL H. JOHNSON

was born March 29, 1856, in Hammar parish, Örebro län, Sweden.



CARL HERMAN JOHNSON

He was twenty-six years of age when he came to this country, where he immediately sought work of any description. He was in turn employed as a sailor, a laborer, a milk-dealer and a farmer.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Swedish Mission Church of Chicago Heights. He was married June 29, 1885, to Ida Olson, and is the father of two children, a son, Arthur, born in 1887, and a daughter, Annie, born in 1890.

LARS E. JOHNSON

was born Nov. 16, 1865, in Örebro, Sweden. His parents are



LARS EMIL JOHNSON

Lars Eric Johnson, a building contractor in Örebro, and Mathilda, née Peterson. After receiving his early training in the public schools of Sweden, he learned the painting trade. In 1886 he emigrated to America and spent eleven years in Chicago, working for one of the largest painting and decorating concerns in the city. Subsequently he located at Chicago Heights as a painting contractor.

Mr. Johnson and his family are Lutherans in faith, belonging to the Swedish Lutheran Church of Chicago Heights. The fraternal orders of which Mr. Johnson is a member are the Maccabees and Svithiod.

Nov. 29, 1894, Mr. Johnson was

married to Miss Ida Sophia, the daughter of Jonas and Maria Matson of Thyfors, Dalarne. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are: Dora Alice, Elna and Lars Elmer.

GUSTAF JOHNSON

was born Dec. 27, 1863, in Ålem parish, Småland, Sweden, where



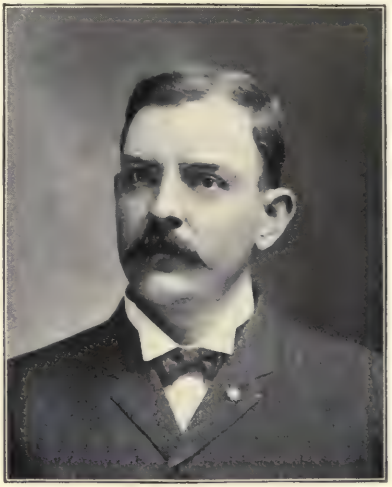
GUSTAF JOHNSON

he enjoyed a common school education. He emigrated in 1882 and since reaching this country has lived in Chicago and Chicago Heights. Obtaining employment as a plasterer, he steadily worked his way up and soon began contracting for work on his own account. He was in this business in Chicago for many years before locating in Chicago Heights some seven years ago.

Mr. Johnson's parents are Johan Peter Gustafson of Gunnarsmåla, Småland, and Johanna Gustafson, née Hanson.

HILDING LUNDMARK

was born Sept. 18, 1865, in Örebro, Sweden. At the age of sev-



HILDING LUNDMARK

enteen he left his birthplace and became apprenticed to a machinist. After working in the trade for three years he took hire as a fireman on an Atlantic steamer. One year later he entered a navigation school, from which he was graduated in 1887. After serving as engineer in the old country until 1893, he emigrated to the United States. Here he held a position as engineer bnt a short time before engaging in the grocery business, a line in which he has continued to the present time.

Mr. Lundmark is an adherent of the Lutheran Church. He is a member of different societies, including the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Chicago Heights Social Club.

ALBERT NELSON

was born Nov. 3, 1875, in Brunskog, Vermland, Sweden. At six-



ALBERT NELSON

teen years of age he came to this country and immediately began work as an apprentice boy for the Sargent Foundry Co. in Englewood. By ambition and industry he soon rose from one position to another until he became foreman. At present he is engaged in this capacity with the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Co. at Chicago Heights.

Mr. Nelson and his wife, Lydia Catharine, were married in Englewood May 18, 1899. Their one child is named Wilbert.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the Order of Svithiod, and has acted as financial secretary in the local lodge.

JOHN NELSON

was born Feb. 23, 1860, in Boda parish, Vermland. In 1879 he came over from Sweden and settled in Sycamore, Ill., removing later to Chicago Heights, where he obtained work in a foundry and continues in the same occupation.

Mr. Nelson is a most active worker in the Swedish Mission Church, in which he has served a number of years as Sunday school superintendent. He belongs to the order of United Workmen.

His wife, Augusta, née Sund, was born April 11, 1859, at Motala, Sweden. Their children are, Carl Gustaf and Dora Lavinia, living, and Florence Lillie and Edna, deceased.

JOHN E. SJÖHOLM

was born in Munktorp parish, Vestmanland, Sweden. At an early



JOHN ERIC SJÖHOLM

age he removed to Skinskatteberg parish and learned the carpenter's trade as a boy. In the spring of

1884 he came over to this country and worked at his trade in Springfield, Mo., for two years. Then he left for Kansas, staying for short periods in Wichita, Hutchinson and Topeka. In the spring of 1892 he came to Chicago. Five years later he located in Chicago Heights, where he has since been engaged in business as a building contractor.

Mr. Sjöholm is a member and a trustee of the First Baptist Church, commander of the K. O. T. M., trustee of the I. O. O. F. and vice commander of White Cross, local lodges. He is chairman of the Scandinavian Hundred Men Aid Society and supervisor of the town of Bloom, Cook county.

Mr. Sjöholm married Miss Emma M. Johnson of Verona, Mo., in 1886.

HJALMAR SWENSON

was born Sept. 30, 1865, in Lund, Sweden. He emigrated and came to Chicago in 1888, and two years later was married to Miss Emma Nelson. Mr. Swenson was a machinist by trade, but during the past thirteen years he and his wife have been engaged in poultry breeding, making a specialty of hatching full-blooded varieties, such as "White Crested" and "Black Polish." Mr. and Mrs. Swenson have received the highest awards at poultry exhibitions in Chicago, Indianapolis and Chicago Heights. They ship eggs to all parts of this country, and also to British Columbia, Mexico and Sweden. Incubators are used exclusively for brooding purposes.

Mr. Swenson and family belong



HJALMAR SWENSON

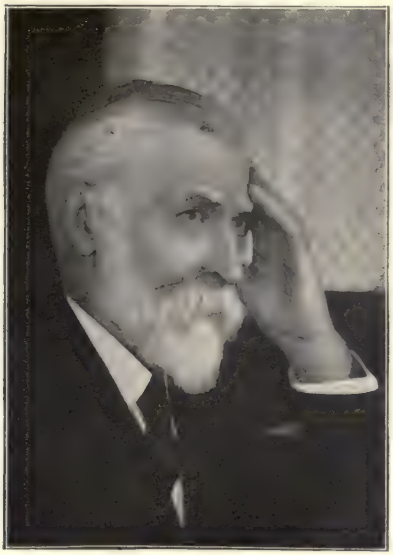
the Swedish Lutheran Church at Chicago Heights.

Mrs. Swenson was born Nov. 24, 1865, at Bovik, Nerike, where her father, Nils Fredrik Carlson, was engaged in the mining industry.

ALBERT F. ERICSON,

who has distinguished himself in the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church as a preacher and editor, but more especially as an educator, was born in Stockholm, the son of E. H. Erikson, rector of the Katarina Church, and enjoyed splendid educational advantages in his youth. After pursuing studies for several years at the Maria collegiate school, followed by three years of private tutorship, he finished his education at the Strengnäs gymnasium.

As a young man of eighteen he emigrated to this country in 1857. Shortly after his arrival in



ALBERT FREDRIK ERICSON

America, he became converted and at once began to preach with zeal and fervor. Ere long the young preacher proved to be gifted and possess exceptional ability to interest his audience, and in view of the great lack of preachers the desire to acquire him for the ministry of the Methodist Church was all the more urgent. In 1859 he received his first assignment from the Central Illinois Conference, that of assistant to the Rev. Mr. Anders J. Anderson of the extensive Andover circuit. After one year's service in this field he in turn had charges at Victoria, Beaver and Rockford till 1864, when, at the removal of *Sändebudet* from Rockford to Chicago, he became its editor. After two years he resigned the editorship to take charge of the congregation at Andover.

In the fall of 1866 Ericson was called as teacher of Swedish at the proposed Swedish Methodist theological seminary. The better to prepare himself for the position he was sent to Sweden to take a course in the Swedish language and literature. While in Stockholm for this purpose, he also engaged in preaching, and in a short time attracted audiences that filled the hall to overflowing. So eager were the people to hear his sermons that many brought their lunches in the morning and remained the rest of the day, in order to hold their seats for the evening service. Several of these eager listeners afterwards became ministers of the Methodist Church. A good foundation for a church was laid, including the organization of a Sunday school and a church choir. Overtures were made to Ericson to remain and continue the work, but, having come to Sweden for a different purpose, he was obliged to decline and to return to America.

On his return, however, he was unable to assume the position to which he had been called, for the sufficient reason that the proposed institution was not ready to open. Another equally important position was then offered him, he being again made editor of the denominational organ. He edited the paper up to the time of the Chicago fire, when, in consequence of that disaster, it was discontin-

ued for a time, and Ericson was assigned to the church in Brooklyn, N. Y., assuming charge in April, 1872. After eight years of labor in this field, Ericson removed to Worcester, Mass., where he founded the Swedish Methodist church, which is now one of the largest in the East. He remained in charge for three years, till 1883, when he accepted the proffered position of head of the theological seminary at Evanston, which he still holds, devoting himself to that work with undiminished power and effort. During the first three years at the seminary he also had charge of the Swedish Methodist Church in Evanston.

In the capacity of president of the theological seminary, Ericson has accomplished his principal work, although as shown, he has rendered eminent service as a preacher and editor. The majority of the younger and middle aged clergymen of the Swedish Methodist Church in America, to the number of 170, have been educated under his direction. In his capacity of educator Dr. Ericson thus has a sphere of influence commensurate with the denomination to which he belongs.

JOEL A. HOLMGREN

is the son of Lars Holmgren, a schoolmaster of Flackarp, Skåne, Sweden, where he was born Sept. 9, 1867. His childhood days were spent at Flackarp, near the city of Lund. When the boy was eleven years old, his father gave up teaching on account of failing health, and moved to Sniberup, settling on a small farm. With two years of common schooling



JOEL AUGUST HOLMGREN

as a foundation, to which was added private tutoring for a like period, young Holmgren was prepared to enter the normal seminary at Lund to fit himself for his father's profession, but lacking nine days in the age required for admission, his application was refused. This caused him to change his plans, and he instead began learning the cabinetmaker's trade. After working at that for one year at Hörby and three years in Kristianstad, he came to this country in the fall of 1887, joining his brother in Evanston. By him he was induced to become a painter. At this trade he was employed for several years, in Evanston, Chicago, Brooklyn and Memphis, Tenn.

In 1894 he established himself in business as a painter and inte-

rior decorator, and continues in that line, with office at 821 Main st., Evanston.

Mr. Holmgren is an active churchman. As a member of the Swedish M. E. Church of Evanston, he has served as president and secretary of the Epworth League, as steward for several years, as Sunday school superintendent for five years, and is now holding that position, as also that of church trustee.

Married June 22, 1897, to Mary Svedlund, Mr. Holmgren has three sons, born as follows: Irving Joel, 1898; Einar William, 1891; Stanford Laurentius, 1904.

KNUT J. LOWENDAHL

was born July 13, 1869, in Grenna, Småland. He learned the



KNUT JOEL LOWENDAHL

shoemaker's trade in his father's shop, and later worked at it in Stockholm and other places in Sweden, finally going into business for himself in Upsala. In 1891 he left for America. After staying in New York for a time, he went to Canada, and eventually located in Evanston. After some experience in the cement sidewalk business, he spent a year in the shoe trade in Chicago. In 1893 he again started in business in Evanston, in partnership with Mr. Ahlberg, the two opening a shoe store at 602 Dempster st., where they are still located, enjoying a well established custom.

Mr. Lowendahl was married Oct. 26, 1895, to Annette Ahlberg. They have one son.

JONAS MORTENSON,

carriage maker, was born April 11, 1871, in Arbrå parish, Gefle-



JONAS MORTENSON

borgs län, Sweden. In his native country he was in turn a baker, farm laborer and blacksmith. The last named trade he mastered and received a diploma for skilled ar-

tisanship. He emigrated in 1892. going to Omaha, Neb. After a four years' stay, he left for Wilmette and then for Evanston in 1898.

In 1901 he started in business as a carriagemaker and blacksmith and still runs a busy shop at Maple ave. and University place.

Mr. Mortenson is a member of the Knights of Maccabees. In politics he is a straight Republican and in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Mortenson was married in 1891 to Miss Anna Strid. They have one son and two daughters.

CHARLES G. NELSON,

member of the Methodist Episcopal clergy and at present financial



CHARLES GUSTAF NELSON

agent of the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary at Evanston, was born May 20, 1848, in Sweden. By his parents, Magnus and Ingrid Lena Nelson, he was brought to this country at the age of six. The family came through Chicago in 1854 and located in Wisconsin. While en route from Galena to Stillwater, the boy fell overboard from a river boat and had a hairbreadth escape from drowning. He attended public school and the Taylor's Falls (Minn.) Academy, and pursued subsequent studies in special subjects under the private tutorship of professors at Knox College, and under the direction of Dr. Clark of Galesburg. In 1868–70 Mr. Nelson served as county clerk of Burnett county, Wis.

In 1869 he gave his heart to God, and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church the year following. Since then he has served the following congregations in a pastoral capacity, viz., those at Grantsburg, Wis., Stillwater, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Lindstrom and Red Wing, Minn., Galesburg, Ill., Ishpeming, Mich., and the First and May st. churches in Chicago. Mr. Nelson has been presiding elder for four different periods and for six years superintendent of the Northern Swedish Mission Conference. Part of the time the duties of these offices were added to his charge as regular pastor. For the past five years he has filled the position of financial agent of the seminary at Evanston.

Rev. Nelson has been in charge of the erection of a number of churches and parsonages and the raising of funds wherewith burdensome church debts were effaced. He was active in the organization of the Northwestern Swedish Con-

ference in 1877 and in the movement for its division into three conferences in 1893, and also took a live interest in the location of the theological seminary at Evanston in the year 1881. It was he who raised the greater part of the money for the first seminary building. In 1884 Rev. Nelson was a member of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, and he is elected to represent the Northern Conference at the General Conference to meet in 1908 at Baltimore.

The title of D. D. was conferred on Rev. Nelson in 1903, by the Central Wesleyan College of Warrenton, Mo.

DAVID NELSON

was born Nov. 8, 1868, in Kumla, Sweden. In 1887 he came to this



DAVID NELSON

country and settled in Joliet. He soon left for Chicago and finally located in Evanston, where he now resides. In 1893 Mr. Nelson opened a laundry, starting in on a small scale. Now the Nelson Laundry is the largest on the North Shore. The main office is in Evanston, with branches in Wilmette, Lake Forest and Rogers Park. Mr. Nelson is business manager as well as proprietor.

Mr. David Nelson is a member of the Sw. Free Mission Church of Evanston. The one society to which he belongs is the Modern Woodmen of America.

His wife is Elizabeth Nelson, and their children are, John Walter and Gerda Margaret.

VICTOR ORTLUND

was born Nov. 16, 1862, in Filipstad, Sweden. He emigrated in



VICTOR ORTLUND

1883 to South Amboy, N. J. Next he settled in Chicago and finally made Evanston his home. Here he embarked in the laundry business and is now the proprietor of

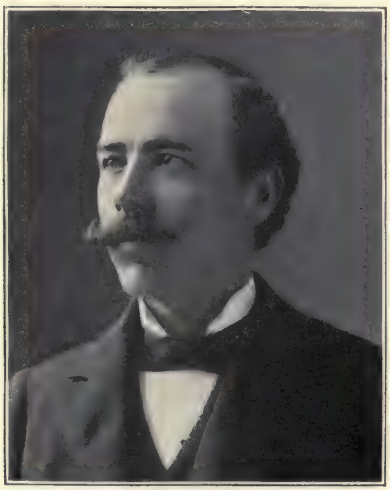
the French Laundry, at 806 Dempster st.

Mr. Ortlund is a member of the Swedish Meth. Episcopal Church of Evanston, and of the Modern Woodmen, Columbian Knights and Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Ortlund and his wife, Emma Josephine, have three children, Victor E., Vincent E. R. and Paulina M.

MARTIN P. ROSENDAHL,

who has been established in Evanston since 1891 as a painter and



MARTIN P. ROSENDAHL

interior decorator, came to Chicago in the spring of 1888 and worked in that city until the next fall, when he located in Evanston. After three years he went into business in partnership with M. L. Holmgren. In 1893 this firm was dissolved and Mr. Rosendahl started a business of his own. He is today one of the leading painters and decorators in the city.

Mr. Rosendahl does not permit business to engross his attention to the exclusion of higher interests, From its organization in 1887, he has been a member of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church. From 1895 to 1897 he acted as secretary of the congregation. Since 1895 he has been on the board of trustees and served as its treasurer. Since 1896 he has been on the board of deacons also and acts as its secretary. Mr. Rosendahl has served for several years as Sunday school superintendent and has been active in behalf of the church in various minor capacities.

Mr. Rosendahl was born in Östraby, Skåne, Sweden, June 16, 1867. His father, Per Svenson, who was the owner of a country estate, died in 1882, and his mother, Elna Mårtenson, in 1906, both at Östraby. The son, after completing the common school courses, was educated in the technical school in Malmö, in which city he learned his trade.

Mr. Rosendahl has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded in 1893, was Miss Louisa Gustafson, who died within four months after marriage. Jan. 18, 1902, he took a second wife, Miss Lydia R. Dahlström, daughter of August and Augusta Dahlström of St. Charles, Ill. Three children have been born to them, Eleanor Violet, Dec. 1, 1902, Martin Carl Irving, Oct. 18, 1904, and Marie Lillian, Aug. 23, 1906. The family residence is at 915 Greenleaf st.

GUSTAF K. STARK,

minister of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod, was born Jan.



GUSTAF KNUT STARK

15, 1867, in Eksjö, Småland, Sweden, where his father, Johan Gustaf Johnson, was a carpenter by trade. The family emigrated in the summer of 1875, settling first in Tidioute, Pa., where Gustaf began his schooling. In early years he left home to seek employment, and was for a succession of years a salesman in stores in Pennsylvania and Chicago, working for a time in the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Co.

At the age of eighteen he was enrolled at Augustana College, and for a number of years oscillated between studying and preaching or teaching parochial and public school, for which latter he passed teacher's examination. Finally he completed the theological course at Augustana College and was ordained to the ministry in 1894. His first pastoral charge after ordination was at Pittsburg, Pa., where he served until 1897. Accepting a call to work in the mission field in Illinois and Wisconsin, he organized congregations at Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee, Wis., and at Waukegan, Ill. In 1901 he transferred his activities to Evanston, where he was pastor of the Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church. Resigning in 1907, he has become superintendent of the work of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois among the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish churches.

Mr. Stark's parents are both deceased. His father died in Rockford in 1897, and his mother, Mrs. Martha C. Johnson, née Stark, passed away in 1905. She made her home with her son in Evanston. Two brothers of Mr. Stark are also in the ministry, viz., F. M. Johnson of Chicago and A. W. Stark of De Kalb, Ill.

Rev. Mr. G. K. Stark has served as president and secretary of the North Chicago Mission district of the Illinois Conference and as secretary of the Swedish Lutheran Ministers' Association of Chicago. He is also a member and secretary of the board of directors of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois and of the Chicago Law and Order League.

He was elected a member of the first board of directors and treasurer of the Salem Home for the Aged at Joliet. He has edited and published for ten years *Luther-Baneret*, a religious monthly.

He is a fluent speaker and preaches with equal facility in the English and Swedish languages.

Oct. 18, 1894, he was wedded to Miss Jennie Virginia Peterson, daughter of Per August and Anna Peterson of Rockford, Ill. Four children have been born to them: Le Roy Theophilus Daniel, Dec. 11, 1896; Linden Lichty David June 25, 1899; Ethel May Eveline Dec. 15, 1903; Leland William Frederick Sept. 5, 1907.

CARL G. WALLENIUS,

editor and historian for his church, was born Dec. 18, 1865, in Hå-



CARL G. WALLENIUS

tuna, Upland, Sweden. His parents were Carl Wallenius, a Methodist pastor, and Gustava, née Björklund.

Having graduated from the collegiate school in Visby, Gotland, in 1886, he was matriculated as a student in the University of Upsala with the intention to prepare himself for the ministry in the State Church. The next year, however, he accepted a call to become assistant pastor in the Methodist Church at Jönköping. In 1888 he emigrated to the United States and studied theology at the Boston University. In January, 1889, Mr. Wallenius became an instructor in the Swedish Theological Seminary at Evanston and assistant editor of *Väktaren*, a weekly paper, published by the Swedish M. E. Book Concern in Chicago. Professor Wallenius gave instruction in the seminary for fourteen years, resigning in 1906 to become pastor of the Methodist Church at Donovan, Ill.

He is the author of "Svenska Metodismen i Amerika," published in 1895, and was associate editor of *Sändebudet* 1901–02 and editor of *Epworth Klockan*, a semi-monthly magazine, 1903–06.

Prof. Wallenius is one of the scholarly men of his church. He was acting president of the Swedish-American Historical Society in 1907.

Rev. Prof. Wallenius was married in Chicago in 1894 to Miss Hilda Johnson, and they have five children.

JOHN E. HILLBERG

was born Dec. 9, 1873, in Malmköping, Sweden. His father, Emanuel Hellberg, was a pioneer preacher of Methodism in Sweden, having first spent some time as an evangelist in England. His mother was before her marriage a schoolteacher in Stockholm.

After having graduated in 1888 from the manual training course in Maria Collegiate School in Stock-



JOHN EMANUEL HILLBERG

holm he became a bookkeeper at Bolinder's iron works, remaining there over three years. At the same time he spent two years as civil engineering student at the Technical Institute of Stockholm.

Arriving in America on July 4, 1892, he went to Worcester, Mass. The following year he entered the theological seminary at Evanston and graduated in 1895. He has served as pastor of the Swedish Methodist churches in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., 1895–99, Bridgeport, Conn., 1899–1902, and Brooklyn, N. Y., 1902–06. In the last named city he was pastor of the largest Swedish M. E. church in this country. In 1901–02 he spent some months traveling and studying in several countries in Europe. The trip was extended as far as Egypt, Palestine and Syria. On his return he wrote a book entitled "Bilder från Bibelländer" (Pictures from Bible Lands).

He published (1898–1902) a monthly entitled *Ungdomsvännen*. Since 1906 he has been editor of *Epworth Klockan*, the official young people's magazine of the Swedish M. E. denomination. Simultaneously he accepted a call to become instructor in the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary.

Professor Hillberg is secretary of the Eastern Conference of the M. E. Church, and is Librarian of the Swedish-American Historica Society.

He was married in 1897 to Miss Hannah Lundgren, daughter of J. W. Lundgren, foreman at the rolling mills in Worcester, Mass.

FRANK A. LUNDBERG,

instructor at the Swedish M. E. Theological Seminary, was born April 11, 1875, at Halsberg,



FRANK A. LUNDBERG

Nerike, Sweden. His father, a railway track inspector, was a prominent member of the local Methodist church. At an early age the son was brought to this country by his parents, who settled on a farm in Georgetown, Texas. Young Lundberg attended the university at Fort Worth, and took his bachelor's degree with honors

in 1905. The same year he came to Evanston to pursue philosophical studies at the Northwestern University. He was called as instructor in English and mathematics in the Swedish Theological Seminary and assumed this position at the opening of the school year that fall.

Mr. Lundberg is an eloquent speaker, who uses Swedish and English with the same fluency. In 1903 he was chosen to represent the Fort Worth University in an inter-collegiate oratorical contest with seven other participants, and carried off the honors of the day, winning the oratorical prize, a large gold medal.

Mr. Lundberg will graduate from the Northwestern University Medical School in 1908.

HENNING COLLIANDER,

pastor of the Bethany Swedish Lutheran Church at Lemont, Ill., was born in the parish of Wederslöf, Sweden, March 12, 1863. His father, Anders Colliander, who had charge of a railway station and post office in Sweden, died in 1876. His mother, Jenny Colliander, is still living and owns a millinery store in Vexiö, Sweden.

Mr. Colliander completed a college course in Sweden in 1886 and intended to study theology at the University of Upsala, when a Lutheran pastor from America visiting Sweden and hearing him preach, exhorted him to join the Augustana Synod and continue his studies in this country. After holding a good position as teacher and assistant pastor in Sweden for two years, he left for the United States in 1888 and entered Au-



HENNING COLLIANDER

gustana College. As a student he had charge of the congregations in Irwin, Greensburg and Houtzdale, Pa. He entered the Theological Seminary at Rock Island in 1889 and accepted a call to the Swedish Lutheran Church of Houtzdale, Pa., when he was ordained in 1891. A few years after he was called to Norway and Bark River, Mich., where he spent nearly eight years and did much work as a pastor and missionary. In the fall of 1900 he moved to Lemont and took charge of the church there. He is a member of the board of directors of the Lutheran Orphans' Home in Joliet, Ill., and has served as its secretary since 1902.

Rev. Colliander was married Oct. 28, 1896, to Miss Agnes Holmberg of Karlskrona, Sweden. The mar-

riage is blessed with two sons: Harald, born in 1897, and Einar, in 1900.

PETER A. NELSON

was born in Öland, Sweden, March 4, 1860. He came to this country



PETER A. NELSON

when but eleven years of age and was educated in Joliet and Lockport. At present his home is in Lemont, where he gradually forged ahead until he was entrusted with the highest office in the town, that of mayor. Prior to this he held many offices of trust. In January, 1903, he was appointed postmaster of Lemont, having previously served as treasurer four terms and member of the board of education for three years. Wherever Mr. Nelson happens to center his interests, there he soon attracts public attention, followed by his election to some office or other.

In the many societies, of which he is a member, he takes a prominent part.

He has been secretary of the Lemont Electric Light and Power Co. and a director of the Lemont State Bank.

In 1882, at the age of 21, Mr. Nelson embarked in a general merchandise business, in which he has continued with marked success up to the present.

JOHN A. SKARIN

was born Sept. 25, 1856, in Järbo parish, Dalsland, Sweden. He attended public school until he was fifteen years of age, when he secured a position as clerk in a dry goods store in Göteborg. After three years, the art of photography attracted him, and he worked as a photographer's assistant for one year, subsequently



JOHN AUGUST SKARIN

opening a gallery of his own. This business he followed with

success until his emigration to Canada in 1880.

The next year Mr. Skarin was working in the mines in Michigan, along the shores of Lake Superior. From there he came to Lemont, and obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store. After two years of conscientious work he was enabled to open a store of his own and is now one of the prosperous merchants of the place.

Both in the church and in other public life Mr. Skarin is an active worker. As soon as he reached Lemont he joined the Bethany Swedish Lutheran Church, and has been for many years treasurer and trustee.

Mr. Skarin was one of the first to hold public office in Lemont. In 1897 he was nominated and elected alderman on the reform ticket, and the following year was elected a member of the board of education. His popularity was proved by his receiving an overwhelming majority at the polls.

Mr. Skarin is a charter member of the Swedish Republican Benevolent Association and a member of other organizations.

He was married in 1878 to Elizabeth K. Anderson, and of their six children, three sons and two daughters survive. These are, Adolph Agathon, trav. salesman for the Steele-Wedeles Co., married to Miss Marjorie Wahlstrom of Chicago; Carl Richard, bookkeeper for the Chicago Biscuit Co., married to Miss Gerda Larson of Chicago; Agnes Ingeborg, Alda Elisabeth and Nathanaiel Jennison.

AXEL F. BENSON

was born Oct. 28, 1873, in the city of Filipstad, Sweden. He came



AXEL FERDINAND BENSON

to this country in 1895 and remained for six months in Braddock, Pa., acting as assistant to Rev. G. E. Carlson. While in Sweden he studied at the Methodist Seminary in Upsala, and his aim was to continue that work here. He took up study at the Northwestern Academy and completed the same at the Swedish Seminary at Evanston. After laboring in the ministry for eight years he went back to the Northwestern University for one year and began a course at the medical college of the University of Illinois. In the fall of 1907 he again assumed his old pastorate at Batavia.

May 31, 1899, Rev. Benson was

married to Miss Selma Swanson, a graduate of Batavia High School, and their home is in Batavia. Their one child is a boy, Merrill Filip, born in 1900.

AUGUST PETERSON

was born at Dörarp, Småland, Oct 26, 1866. He left Sweden in



AUGUST PETERSON

1885, at the age of nineteen, having obtained his early education in the common school of the parish. Coming to this country, he lived first at Lockport and later at Oak Park, before finally settling at Maywood. At Lockport he worked as a farm hand and at Oak Park was employed by Mr. Dunlop, a banker. For the past eighteen years Mr. Peterson has been contracting for building and carpentry in Maywood and surrounding villages. The carpenter's trade he learned from his father, Peter Svensson, who followed that occupation in Dörarp.

Mr. Peterson is an active member of the Swedish Luth. Church of Maywood, having served for various periods on the boards of trustees and deacons, and as treasurer of the former body.

He has been married, his wife, Annie Olivia, née Svenson, passing away in 1902, leaving two children, a daughter, Esther Grace Olivia, and a son, Clarence August.

AUGUST PETERSON

was born April 29, 1866, in Hörröd, Strö parish, Skåne. In 1884 he emigrated from Sweden and has lived ever since in Maywood.

When Mr. Peterson first came to this country, he worked in the Union Brass Foundry of Adams



AUGUST PETERSON

& Westlake in Chicago. Locating in Maywood, he embarked in the grocery business and has for the past seventeen years met with ever increasing prosperity.

The parents of Mr. Peterson are Per Jönson, a farmer at Hörröd, and Pernilla, his wife.

Mr. Peterson is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has served for a period on its board of trustees.

He is married to Selma Johnson from Öfvarp, Sweden. Their children are, Alice E., Ethel P. and Mabel A.

The Peterson family live in a comfortable home of their own at 124 S. Fifth ave.

EDWARD W. BENSON,

for three terms president of the village of Melrose Park, has been active in the affairs of the village for ten years of the twenty that he has resided there. He served on the board of village trustees for five years prior to his election as president of that board, and was also a member of the school board for three years.

Mr. Benson was born in Upland, Sweden, and came to the United States with his parents when two years old. The Benson family located first at River Forest, coming to Melrose Park about twenty years ago. In business Mr. Benson is a general contractor. He gained his first experience in the business in Denver, Colo., in 1888–89, thereafter pursuing his calling in his home town.

Besides holding the reigns of government in a manner that won the full confidence of the people of Melrose Park, Mr. Benson has taken a leading part in the social and religious life of the village. He is one of the trustees of the Swedish M. E. Church, superintendent of the Sunday school and



EDWARD W. BENSON

has served for many years as president of the Epworth League. In fraternal life Mr. Benson affiliates with the Royal Circle. Far from being a politician in the general acceptation of the term, he has not used his position as a means to further political ambitions. The office of village president was thrust upon him by the people at large, and he prized the gift because it carried with it not only the votes of his fellow citizens but their esteem and confidence as well.

Mr. Benson resides at 51 Seventeenth ave., and his parents, John and Elsa Benson, are still living in Melrose Park.

CHARLES P. BENSON

was born May 17, 1873, at Bofors, Vermland, Sweden. His wife,

Jennie, née Magnuson, was born in May of the same year, in Vestergötland.



CHARLES P. BENSON

Mr. Benson came to this country in May, 1893, and settled in Chicago, where he attended the Association Business College and then worked as a bookkeeper. Later, Oak Park became the field for various activities. Here he published a non-denominational Swedish quarterly, explaining the Sunday school lessons. He has organized a manufacturing stock company, of which he is secretary and treasurer. The company manufactures a newly patented collapsible baby carriage.

Mr. Benson is a Baptist and a most active church worker. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school for more than ten years and president of the Young People's Society for about the same period.

Besides his many other interests, Mr. Benson is a director of the Laborers' Gold. Silver and Copper Mining Co. of Golden, B. C. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Two sons have been born in the Benson family, Daniel, in 1900, and Milton Le Roy in 1902.

ANNY WERNER LINDER,

M. D., was born in Karlskrona, Sweden, Jan. 12, 1873. She began attending school at the early age of four years and a half, and later entered high school, from which she graduated at the head of her class. The family removed to Stockholm, and there she continued her studies, at the same time



ANNY WERNER LINDER

taking a course in mechanical drawing. Later she studied manual therapeutics and, after graduation, went first to Finland and then to Russia, in which countries she lived for nearly six years, practicing her profession and also

doing translations for newspapers. While in Odessa she decided to emigrate to America. Throwing up her practice, she went to Stockholm and thence to New York, arriving in March, 1894.

Here she was soon on the way to success, many physicians seeking her services.

She left her practice in the fall of 1895, and went on a lecturing and demonstrating tour for the Whitely Exerciser Co. of Chicago and New York, in the larger cities of the United States. For this purpose she made several charts of instruction for home gymnastics, based on the Swedish system. She has lectured to many prominent ladies' clubs, Y. W. C. A., high and normal schools and colleges.

The medical profession being her final goal, she came to Chicago in 1899 and matriculated in the National Medical University, attending both the medical and osteopathic departments. In April, 1901, she passed successfully the State Board of Health examination and became a state licentiate in manual therapeutics. In 1902 she received the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the university. In October, the same year, she entered the American College of Medicine and Surgery, the medical department of Valparaiso University in Indiana, graduating in May, 1903.

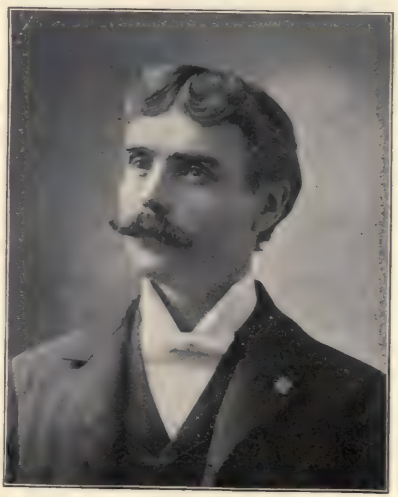
She was elected professor of the chair of manual therapeutics in the Chicago College for Nurses in the fall of 1902, and has filled the same chair at both insiitutions since Oct. 1, 1903.

She was married to Mr. A. Linder of Oak Park June 2, 1899, and has her home and practice there.

Dr. Linder is an accomplished linguist, speaking, besides the Scandinavian languages, English, Finnish, Russian, Spanish, French and German.

AUGUSTINUS L. LINDER

was born Aug. 28, 1867, in Nyby, Småland. He studied in the high



AUGUSTINUS LEONARD LINDER

school in Venersborg, and in 1888 left Sweden. In this country he has lived in Dunkirk, N. Y., Milwaukee, Wis., Chicago and Oak Park. While in Chicago he attended the Northwestern Commercial School, from which he graduated.

Mr. Linder is engaged in business both in Oak Park and Chi-

cago. In Chicago he has a store for artistic decorating and contracting at The Plaza, 646 North Clark st., at Oak Park he is a member of the firm of Lowrey & Linder Co. at 129–131 Lake st.

The many lodges, to which Mr. Linder belongs, are, Odd Fellows, North American Union, Irondequoit Lodge No. 301, A. F. and A. M.; Dunkirk Chapter No. 191, Royal Arch Masons of Dunkirk, N. Y.; Siloam Commandery No. 54, Kt. Templars of Oak Park, and Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Noble Mystic Shrine of Chicago. He is a member of the Phoenix Club, the Business Men's Association, the Master Painters' and Decorators' Ass., all of Oak Park, and Master Painters' Association of Chicago.

For several months during the years 1893 and '94 Mr. Linder visited England, France and Sweden. In 1899, on June 2, he was married to Miss Anny Werner of Stockholm, Sweden.

OTTO E. LOVEN

was born in Sweden Feb. 11, 1871. His parents intended him to enter upon a musical career, and to that end he began taking piano lessons at twelve years of age. After two years, his father concluded to change this plan. In order to fit him for a commercial life, he set him to studying the elementary branches. At sixteen the boy became a salesman in a dry goods store in Malmö. But having no taste for this occupation, he tried, with the assistance of his brother, who was a traveling postal clerk, to enter the mail service. But this avenue was suddenly closed to him, a new law requiring applicants for the postal service to have completed a college course. He next learned the watchmaker's trade, and then embarked for America. On his arrival in Chi-



OTTO E. LOVEN

cago in June, 1890, he discovered that no one wanted to employ a nineteen year old watchmaker, so he was compelled to look for other employment. All sorts of hard and uncongenial work was done until he finally succeeded in securing a position as a watchmaker. He began with the firm of R. Chester, Frost & Co and remained there until 1895, when he visited the old country. On his return he worked for the same firm, as foreman and later as manager of a new watch department.

In 1902 Mr. Loven bought a jewelry store. Success attended him here, and he is now acknowledged to be the leading jeweler and optician in Oak Park. All his spare time had been devoted to study at the Northern Illinois Optical College, from which he received a diploma.

Mr. Loven was married in September, 1898, to Miss Ellen Nord, the daughter of a hatter in Oskarshamn.

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